



**The Honorable Lindsay Graham**  
**United States Senate**  
**290 Russell Senate Office Building**  
**Washington, DC 20510**

Dear Senator Graham,

I hope that this letter finds you healthy and safe. The world has certainly changed, even in the short time since our visit in your Washington, DC office on March 4.

During that visit, we discussed your being our featured guest at a TAIK Board Meeting in Turkey to discuss, among other things, the promise and potential of joint ventures in Africa, about which you were very excited. Obviously, having an in-person meeting in Turkey is not possible for the foreseeable future. Therefore, I write to invite you to be our featured guest in a webinar on the topic.

As we strive to move forward, we at TAIK are already contemplating how we can reignite the economy post-pandemic. Joint ventures in Africa could be an exciting part of this plan. Not only would we be helping fragile economies that will need assistance in recovering, but we also would be striking a blow against Chinese designs in Africa and forging closer economic ties between Turkey and the U.S.

TAIK has recently begun a series of webinars entitled "Transatlantic Talks." The first one featured Tom Friedman, expanding on his recent *New York Times* column "Our New Historical Divide: B.C. and A.C.—the World Before Corona and the World After."

We would very much like you to be the featured guest of a similar one-hour webinar within the next month on economic recovery post-corona, including joint ventures in Africa. Former Senator David Vitter has graciously offered to moderate the event, as he did with Mr. Friedman. We could schedule this for any weekday within the next month starting at approximately 9:00 am eastern time to accommodate the time difference.

We really hope that you can accept this invitation. We know that our members would deeply value your insights as we deal with the present crisis and make plans to reignite economic growth.

Thank you again for our recent meeting, your friendship, and your leadership.

Respectfully yours,

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