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**President Joe Biden**  
**The White House**  
**1600 Pennsylvania Avenue**  
**Washington D.C. 20500**

**President Recep Tayyip Erdoğan**  
**Cumhurbaşkanlığı Külliyesi 06560**  
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Dear President Biden and President Erdoğan,

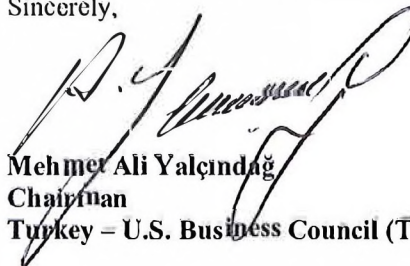
We write as ardent supporters of the U.S. Turkey relationship. This decades-long partnership is one of the most important bilateral relationships in the world. While few countries have contributed more to NATO's security infrastructure than Turkey and the United States, with our soldiers fighting shoulder to shoulder from Korea through Afghanistan, the commercial angle of the relationship is also gaining more depth. As you prepare for your first direct meeting since the last U.S. presidential election, we would kindly request you to pay heed to the benefits and opportunities of this vitally important relationship.

As business organizations, we believe trade and investment represent the most immediately viable areas of the relationship. The U.S. is the second biggest investor in Turkey and fourth biggest trading partner for Turkey, creating revenue and employment for both countries. And given the current challenges caused by the global pandemic, we feel very strongly that this is a time to keep allies as allies rather than focus on differences.

Highlighting the areas in which our two countries cooperate can provide space to start resolving some of the more pressing differences we face and thus turn a page. Business is something we do well together, so we hope you will use this as a platform from which to build common ground in your upcoming meeting.

American and Turkish companies have demonstrated that there are abundant opportunities to prosper together through partnership, and much to lose if we drift too far apart. And in terms of our joint contribution to global peace and stability, history has also proven that our two nations have substantially more to gain through cooperation. It is therefore our sincere hope that this very important meeting serves as the first step toward better enhancement of a sustainable dialogue.

Sincerely,

  
**Mehmet Ali Yalçındağ**  
**Chairman**  
**Turkey - U.S. Business Council (TAİK)**

  
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