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From: Pollock, Veronica

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Hello,

Please excuse the mass email, but I wanted to follow up and see if your boss would be interested in joining the congressional Turkish Caucus.

I've included more information below:

The Turkey Caucus (Congressional Caucus on US-Turkish Relations and Turkish Americans) was established in 2001 and is a bi-partisan platform for members of Congress to ensure balanced dialogue on issues affecting Turkish Americans, U.S-Turkey relations, and Turkey and the broader region. It was expanded in the 113th Congress to include Senators, and currently has 142 Members.

The Caucus provides an opportunity for Members of Congress to discuss issues of importance to both countries. Given Turkey's strategic importance and developments in the region, its existence is more important than ever.

Economic and commercial ties are just as key as strategic relations. Strong US-Turkish economic relations provide American investors access to huge markets in the region. Moreover, Turkish companies have begun to invest in the United States, and Turkish American entrepreneurs help to create job and spur economic growth. Godiva and Kordsa are examples of the former, while Chobani, one of the fastest growing companies in the US, was started by a Turkish American.

The goal of the Caucus has been to foster US-Turkish relations by engaging Turkish officials directly, including our counterparts in the Turkish Grand National Assembly on key issues important to both nations.

The Caucus has grown in membership because of an increasingly engaged Turkish American community.

If you would like to join the Congressional Caucus on US-Turkish Relations and Turkish Americans or seek more information, please have a member of your staff contact Ryan Ethington in Congressman Pete Sessions' office via email: ryan.ethington@mail.house.gov or phone: 5-2231; James Burchfield in Congressman Chabot's office via email: james.burchfield@mail.house.gov or phone: 5-2216; or Marilyn Dillihay in Congressman Steve Cohen's office via email: marilyn.dillihay@mail.house.gov or phone: 5-3265 or Molly Cole in Congressman Connolly's office via email: molly.claire.cole@mail.house.gov or phone: 5-1492.

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