



Request for Meeting: UAE Minister of Climate Change & Environment, Sept 18, 2019

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Good morning [REDACTED]

I hope this note finds you well as everyone is coming back into town. I wanted to follow up on my email below to see if we could make this meeting with Minister Al Zeyoudi and Congresswoman Castor happen next week. Minister Al Zeyoudi and the UAE have made important and significant strides and commitments in this area, and we would very much like the opportunity to discuss these and other related matters with Congresswoman Castor. Some of these include:

- In Sept. 2019, the UAE became the first country in the world to have a fully UN climate change certified school. All of the teachers at GEMS The Kindergarten Starters, a kindergarten and primary school in Dubai, are recognized as Climate Change Teachers following their completion of a UN accredited course.
- In March 2019, the UAE hosted the World Ocean Summit, marking the first time the summit was held in the Middle East. At the summit, His Excellency Dr. Thani bin Ahmed Al Zeyoudi, Minister of Climate Change and Environment, stressed the need for all groups, including governments and NGOs, to work together to address this issue.
- In 2018, the UAE The Ministry Of Climate Change And Environment led an initiative, centered around the 'UAE Food Waste Pledge,' to save three million meals by 2020, in line with the UN target of cutting food losses and waste by 50 percent by the year 2030.
- In 2012, the UAE launched an environmental strategy under the theme, 'Green Economy for Sustainable Development.' In July 2019, the UAE Roads and Transport Authority announced that, so far, it has carried out 74 initiatives focusing on a move to a green economy, environmental sustainability, and power efficiency, including a rising number of electric vehicles and an increase in public transportation.

I hope we can discuss these and much more with Congresswoman Castor.

Best,

~Hagir

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