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Dear Friends,

I write to you today to welcome you to the annual American Human Rights Council Meet and Greet Reception. There is no better way to demonstrate our ability to work together than to meet and enjoy each other's company and I am honored to be counted among your friends.

Tonight I would like to congratulate the AHRC President, Dr. Opada Alzohaili, as well as all the new executive board members, Imam Mohammad Mardini, Imam Mustapha Elturk, Profesor Mike Thomas, Mr. Abdulhaken Alsadah, Dr. Husain Salah, Mr. Nabeel Bahalwan, Dr. Saleh Muslah, Ms. Minnie Washington, Mr. Ron Yageman, Dr. Ihsan Khatib, Mr. Shereef Akeel, and Mr. Mohammed Alomari. We look forward to your leadership and the continuing tradition of excellence under your guidance.

The work of the AHRC is of monumental importance to me not just as your proud representative, but as your fellow community member. While we live in a time in which we are all connected more than ever, awareness alone of human rights violations is not enough to counter the problems we face. We need individuals and organizations like the AHRC who are willing to stand and fight for the protection of rights, who are willing to work on behalf of average person against the various forms of oppression, and see to it that all of our rights are protected. Truly we should all be grateful to this organization, as its work inherently benefits us all.

So tonight, I make only one request of you: as you enjoy this time spent together, please keep an eye on the vital mission that the AHRC has accepted. For while there is much work to be done, there is still much to do!

With every good wish,

Sincerely yours,

John D. Dingell

Member of Congress