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Dr. Serdar Cam
President
Turkish Cooperation and Coordination Agency
Republic of Turkey Prime Ministry
Ankara, Turkey

Dear Dr. Cam,

As a member of the Congressional Hispanic Caucus, I would like to thank the Turkish Cooperation and Coordination Agency (TIKA) for its grant to Strategies for International Development (SID) to help farmers in Guatemala, Peru, and Bolivia increase their productivity and income. This is Turkey's first economic development grant in Latin America and it builds on Turkey’s support of organizations that work to address poverty and democracy in developing countries.

In addition, I would like to thank the Turkish Coalition of America (TCA) for facilitating this grant as well as for their other efforts to promote humanitarian and academic initiatives in the Hispanic community, such as financial assistance to the Mexican Red Cross and scholarships to Hispanic American students to study abroad in Turkey.

As a member of the of the Hispanic Caucus and Congressional Caucus on U.S.-Turkey Relations and Turkish Americans, I share our greatest appreciation to the Turkish people, Turkish Americans and the Turkish government for advancing the relationship between Turkey and the Hispanic community.

I also extend our congratulations again on the 90th anniversary of the Turkish Republic.

Sincerely,

Henry Cuellar, PhD
U.S. Congressman
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