

**Congress of the United States**  
**Washington, DC 20515**

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Mr. Serdar Kılıç  
Ambassador  
Embassy of the Republic of Turkey  
2525 Massachusetts Avenue, N.W.  
Washington, D.C. 20008

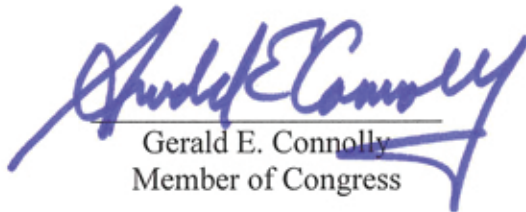
Dear Mr. Ambassador,

We write on behalf of the Caucus on U.S.-Turkey Relations and Turkish Americans, and as friends of the people of Turkey, to extend our heartfelt condolences in wake of the tragic coal mine disaster in Soma.

Our thoughts and prayers are with the families of the nearly 300 victims. We hope for further successful rescue efforts and pray that those injured find a path to recovery.

We stand together with Turkey, a longstanding friend and ally of the United States, during this time of national mourning.

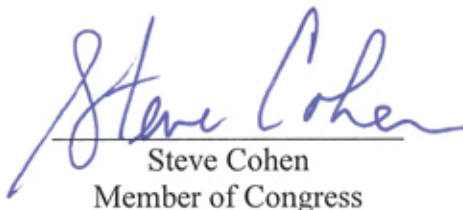
With deepest sympathies,



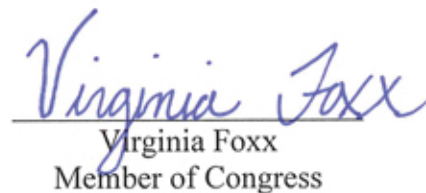
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