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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,

Gerald E. Connolly
Member of Congress

Ed Whitfield
Member of Congress

Steve Cohen
Member of Congress

Virginia Foxx
Member of Congress