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Dear Congressman McGovern and Congressman Hultgren,

We at the Valley Syrian Relief Committee in Massachusetts want to send our congratulations to you, and other members of the Lantos Human Rights Commission, on the 10th anniversary of the Commission's work. Throughout the last 10 years, the Commission has been a critically important voice and advocate for human rights in countries like Colombia, Eritrea, Myanmar, Afghanistan, the Congo, Sudan, El Salvador, and in other places and countries where basic human rights have been taken away or are under attack.

We are especially grateful to you for the Hearings and Briefings you have held on the War in Syria and the toll that it is taking on the Syrian people. And, we are grateful to Congressman McGovern for mentioning our work at the September 23, 2018 briefing on Syria that he chaired, "Syria's Humanitarian Crisis: What More Can We Do?"

Thank you for your courage and extraordinary commitment.

Sincerely,

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