



Congress of the United States
House of Representatives

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H.E. Ambassador Serdar Kılıç
Embassy of the Republic of Turkey
2525 Massachusetts Avenue NW
Washington D.C. 20008

Dear Mr. Ambassador,

As Co-Chairs of the Congressional Caucus on U.S.-Turkey Relations and Turkish Americans we would like to extend our heartfelt appreciation for Turkey's two donations to the United States of medical supplies necessary for fighting the coronavirus.

The United States has been hit hard by the virus, with over one million cases of COVID-19 and more than 67,000 deaths to date. We remain committed to doing everything in our power to ensure that our constituents and all Americans receive the care and assistance they need so that our country can get past this deadly pandemic.

As you know, an essential part of mitigating the disease is protecting our frontline healthcare workers so that they can continue to treat those suffering from the coronavirus without contracting or spreading it themselves. The 500,000 surgical masks, 34,500 protective coveralls, nearly 2,500 additional articles of personal protective equipment, and hundreds of gallons of disinfectant donated by your country will help us to protect these healthcare professionals.

The generosity of the Turkish people is most welcome. As NATO allies, it is critical for the United States and Turkey to stand shoulder-to-shoulder on this crisis and so many common challenges that face our critical partnership. We look forward to continuing to work with you to advance our shared goals. Once again, thank you for Turkey's gift of critical medical supplies at this time of acute need in the United States and around the world.

Sincerely,

Steve Chabot
Member of Congress

Joe Wilson
Member of Congress

Steve Cohen
Member of Congress

Gerald E. Connolly
Member of Congress