

Congress of the United States
Washington, DC 20515

October 21, 2015

His Excellency Yousef Al Otaiba
Embassy of the United Arab Emirates
3522 International Court NW,
Washington, DC 20008

Dear Ambassador Al Otaiba:

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His Excellency Fayçal Gouia
Embassy of the Republic of Tunisia
1515 Massachusetts Ave NW,
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Embassy of the Kingdom of Morocco
1601 21st Street NW,
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His Excellency Salem Abdullah Al-Jaber Al-Sabah
Embassy of the State of Kuwait
2940 Tilden Street NW,
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Dear Ambassador Al-Jaber Al-Sabah:

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