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**Cosponsor H. Res.509, Expressing Support for Turkey, Jordan,
and Lebanon to Assist Syrian Refugees**

Dear Colleague,

Please join me in commending the leadership of Turkey, Jordan, and Lebanon in their efforts to help over 4 million refugees fleeing the violence and persecution taking place as a result of the conflict in Syria. This conflict has seen a brutal dictator that kills innocent men, women, and children through the indiscriminate use of barrels bombs and torture; and the rise of an equally brutal group of extremists who kill entire groups of people based solely on their beliefs.

These refugees are people who are just like you and me. They are brothers, sisters, friends; people with lives and dreams of their own. Since 2011, the Syrian conflict has been among the most disruptive and costly of conflicts in the 21st century. The four-year war has taken the lives of over 300,000 Syrians and has displaced more than one-half of the country's population, with over 4 million Syrians currently residing outside its borders in regional neighbors.

Since Syrian President Bashar al-Assad began killing his own people and driving them from their homes, the Turkish, Jordanian, and Lebanese governments have provided refuge and assistance to Syrian families fleeing the ongoing conflict. These innocent people have gone from living peacefully in Syria and Iraq to living in tents in refugee camps. Our Turkish, Jordanian, and Lebanese partners continue to host millions of people within their borders and are working to provide these mothers, husbands, sons, and daughters with the educational and health care opportunities necessary to help them rebuild their lives.

I urge you to join me in commending the governments of Turkey, Jordan, and Lebanon for their ongoing support and assistance to Syrian refugees in order to ease the suffering of the Syrian people from the murderous Assad regime.

Sincerely,



Adam Kinzinger
Member of Congress