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Honorable John E. Dingell  
House of Representatives  
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Congressman Dingell:

I appreciate the help you are providing in our effort to hire people who speak Arabic. I know how respected you are within the Arab-American community.

You will be pleased to know the response has been much stronger than we anticipated. Never-the-less, we will continue this effort until we are certain our Arabic speaking needs are fully addressed.

As a favor, I also would ask that you encourage Americans of Arab ancestry to report all suspected hate crimes perpetrated against either people or property. We cannot allow the current circumstance, regardless of its gravity, to permit tolerance of hate crimes. Like this case, we intend to vigorously pursue every complaint. We understand, however, the reluctance of some victims to come forward to law enforcement. Your words of encouragement undoubtedly would help greatly in that regard.

I look forward to meeting you when the opportunity presents itself. In the interim, please let me know if there is anything we can do for you.

Sincerely yours,

Robert S. Mueller, III  
Director