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Mr. Ali Abou Dehn  
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Dear Mr. Dehn:

As Co-chair of the Congressional Human Rights Caucus, it is my pleasure to invite you to share your views on the human rights situation in Syria, as well as the impact Syria's human rights policies have on Lebanon and Lebanese, at a public briefing entitled "Syrian human rights policies in Syria and toward Lebanese."

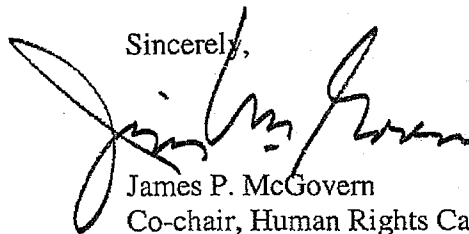
The briefing is currently scheduled to be held on Wednesday, September 24, 2008, at 2:00 p.m., in Room 2200 of the Rayburn House Office Building, and will be open to the media and the public.

As you may know, the Congressional Human Rights Caucus is the largest bipartisan and bicameral human rights entity in the United States Congress, and informs Members of Congress and their staffs about human rights developments around the world in hearing-style briefings. For this purpose, we would ask that you give an opening statement of no more than eight to ten minutes, followed by a question and answer period.

In addition, we have invited other leading experts from civil society groups, as well as the U.S. Administration to participate.

I am looking forward to your response, and if you have any questions or need further assistance regarding this invitation, please contact Genell Brown at 202-225-5021.

Sincerely,



James P. McGovern  
Co-chair, Human Rights Caucus

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