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Dear Syrian Friends in Michigan:

I hope you all had an enjoyable and fun summer, and are all to a good start of the new season.



Two important and successful Syrian musical events took place last summer in Detroit: Malek Jendali Live Piano concert at the Detroit Institute of Art (DIA) was a big success, and drew full house audience and Enana dazzling performance at the Max Fischer theatre that captured the admiration of all 1800 people in the audience.

Consular Corps International Soccer tournament in Detroit is coming soon on October 9. Following the good success and popularity of last year tournament the Diplomatic Corps is expecting more countries to participate this year, and looking for more support and endorsement from the communities. We wish our friends on the Syrian team good luck and hope they will give us a strong showing this year as well.



An important development I want to share with you is the creation in Damascus of the Syrian-American Business Council. It is a non-governmental organization with board composed of several successful business men and women representing all Syrian cities. Interested in better relation between Syria and the US, the new council has the mission of serving "as a bridge between Syrian and US companies, entrepreneurs, and individuals; and to explain and promote the shared interest in business, culture, healthcare, information technology, tourism and education." I am glad that Michigan has a strong voice in the new organization through our good friend, successful entrepreneur and long time Michigan resident Mr. Samer Succar. Samer is a founding board member as well as the executive director of the new council, and I am sure he will keep Michigan high on the agenda of planned activities. We wish the new organization all the success, and we look forward to supporting and working with it for the common interest of the two countries and communities.



Finally I should inform you that the Honorary Consulate of Syria in Detroit added to its responsibilities the executive duties of the Consular Corps of Michigan since the corps has elected me as the new Executive Director.

Looking forward to seeing you at the many activities and events waiting for us in the new season,

Yours,

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