

Congress of the United States
Washington, DC 20515

March 11th, 2011

Excellency Sheikh Hasina
Prime Minister
Bangladesh
c/o Ambassador Akramul Qader
3510 International Drive Northwest
Washington D.C., DC 20008-3035

Dear Madame Prime Minister,

As members of the Congressional Caucus on Bangladesh, an organization focused on strengthening and deepening the United States-Bangladesh relationship, we are troubled by the removal of Dr. Muhammad Yunus from his position at Grameen Bank.

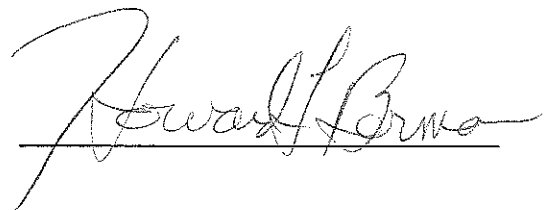
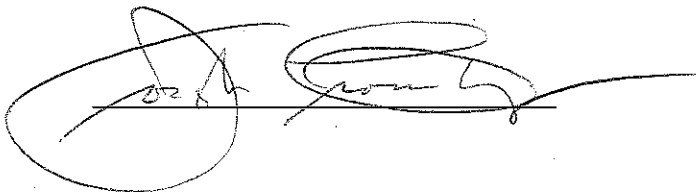
In recent years, Bangladesh has made important strides by growing its economy, taking steps to address corruption, seeking greater cooperation with its neighbors, fighting poverty and improving the rule of law. The Bangladeshi government and people rightfully deserve credit for these positive steps.

Here in the United States, we have championed greater ties between the United States and Bangladesh, especially through economic coordination, defense cooperation, joint poverty alleviation efforts and a focus on health among the urban and rural poor. Importantly, when Bangladesh was under caretaker rule, we took the lead on Congressional efforts to promote a peaceful and durable return to democratic rule.

Unfortunately, the situation with Dr. Yunus is beginning to overshadow these concrete gains and introduce uncertainty regarding one of Bangladesh's most visible and beloved institutions. Many of us have personally seen the effectiveness of Grameen programs, and believe they and Dr. Yunus have done a great deal to improve lives by providing access to credit for those without collateral.

We have raised these concerns directly with your government over the past few months, but the situation has not changed. We respectfully urge you to resolve this matter with Dr. Yunus through a mutually satisfactory compromise that ensures the ongoing independence of Grameen Bank. Thank you and we look forward to your response.

Sincerely,



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