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Dear Governor Romney:

On behalf of the nationwide membership of the **American Hellenic Institute (AHI)**, I am pleased to present the Romney-Ryan campaign with an opportunity to convey its support of the Greek American community and to present its positions on the issues affecting the Greek American community. These issues include: U.S. relations with Greece and Cyprus, freedom of religion for the Ecumenical Patriarchate, and U.S. interests in southeastern Europe and eastern Mediterranean region.

Our Request

We kindly request and would appreciate a Romney-Ryan campaign statement to the Greek American community that addresses each of the five policy areas presented by the enclosed condensed AHI policy statements on: 1) importance of southeastern Europe and eastern Mediterranean, 2) Greece, 3) Cyprus, 4) religious freedom for the Ecumenical Patriarchate, and 5) Turkey.

The AHI policy statements on Greek American issues, which have been endorsed by major Greek American organizations, are meant to provide the basis for a Romney-Ryan campaign statement. For further reference, statements made by previous Republican presidential candidates on these issue areas are also provided. Please be assured that AHI will facilitate distribution of your positions so that it will reach the entire Greek American community.

About AHI

AHI is a nonprofit public policy organization that works to strengthen relations between the United States and Greece and Cyprus and also within the Greek American community. AHI is proud of the role it has played to keep elected leaders and top government officials abreast of issues that impact U.S. relations with Greece and Cyprus as well as crucial developments in southeastern Europe and eastern Mediterranean region. For a more in-depth perspective of our policy positions, please visit <http://aheworld.org/policy-statements.html> to download a copy of our 2012 Policy Statements.

If you have any questions or need additional information or time to submit a campaign statement, please let us know.

We look forward to your reply. Thank you.

Respectfully submitted,

Nick Larigakis
President