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**OPEN LETTER OF THANKS TO PRESIDENT TRUMP FROM CO-FOUNDERS OF THE
GLOBAL NETWORK FOR SYRIA (GNS)**

**The Honorable Donald John Trump,
President of the United States of America
White House
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue NW
Washington
DC 20500
United States of America.**

December 31st 2018

Dear Mr President,

Please allow us to thank you for your bold decision to bring American forces home from Syria, mission accomplished.

Our Network of concerned parliamentarians, senior clerics, former ambassadors and academics has campaigned for just such an essential step on the way to bringing peace and stability back to Syria.


Your courage in doing the right thing, in the face of conflicting advice and an onslaught from ill-informed politicians, a blinkered media and brittle allies, commands respect. We salute you.

We urge you now to carry on as you have started by lifting sanctions on Syria. Keeping sanctions on Syria to keep it weak can only hobble its economy, hamper refugee return, cause mass unemployment, hinder recovery and create conditions for a re-emergence of ISIS. This will be a gift to your enemies, who long to see you proven wrong on the defeat of ISIS.

Continuing sanctions will also prevent American firms from benefitting from the multi-billion dollar recovery projects which will be funded by rich Arabs and otherwise benefit the Chinese and the Russians.

Congratulations, Mr President, on taking a momentous step which shows true statesmanship. We pray that you continue on this wise path and take the follow up steps essential so that your actions are not undermined.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink on a light green rectangular background. The signature reads "Caroline Cox" in a cursive script. The first name "Caroline" is written in a larger, more prominent cursive, and "Cox" is written in a smaller cursive to the right.

**The Baroness Cox, Independent Member of the House of Lords, London
Peter Ford British Ambassador to Syria, 2003-6**