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Asalamualaykum Warahmahtullahi Wabarakatu,

I pray this letter finds you all in the best of health and in the spirit of Islam. We had an important announcement we wanted to share with the Executive Board, Executive Council and general membership. Alhamdulillah, management at The BCMA has taken an initiative and brought a change in how we deliver tax deductible receipts. Rather than having a paper trail and individually writing up each receipt, BCMA will now switch methods.

We are introducing an electronic receipt system in which we have emailed copies of tax deductible receipts to all donors. We successfully sent a little over 7,000 receipts with the exception of around 190, which we did manage to successfully resend. By doing this, we have saved over \$10,000 in postage, supplies, and time; increasing the efficiency of the task at hand. It was a lot of tedious hard work, but MashaAllah, with the hard work and dedication of the following brothers mentioned, all of this was made possible in a timely manner.

Another introduction we are bringing is the launch of an active phone line that will collect voice messages for a representative of the organization to review. After said review, these messages will be filtered and appropriate messages will be forwarded to the VP responsible for the portfolio. All inquiries will be responded to in a timely fashion and will be done so with professionalism. InshaAllah, the changes we are bringing will be meant to help our community to better interact with us, and through constructive feedback, we can always improve where we might be lacking.

I would like to humbly thank Brother Salah El-Khatib, General Treasurer of the organization for taking the lead and making sure there is smooth operation of this task. Thank you brother Abid Ali and brother Najeeb Peracha for working tirelessly back and forth and making sure everything was working properly, even though your schedule itself is quite busy. Last but not least, thank you Brother Saiyad Ali, for supporting and making sure all receipts were looked after and delivered in a timely manner. All-in-all, this was nothing short of an excellent effort and I am very grateful and proud of my team.

In the time of the election, we made a promise to membership that we would bring about great change within the organization and show everyone, the one's that supported us, and the one's that criticized us. We are two months or so into our journey of 2022, and although we are achieving our goals one step at a time, there is still a long road ahead of us. We have to remain focused and always be willing to go the extra mile by taking an initiative. I want to thank my entire team that worked so hard to get all ereceipting done in a timely manner.

Jazak Allah Khair,

Muhammad Asad Gondal

President BCMA