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Mr. Daniel Merritt  
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Dear Daniel:

It gives me great pleasure to recognize your involvement in Operation Soccer Ball. What a joy to hear of this wonderful project!

Through your hard work and dedication, you have made a critical difference in the lives of many Afghani and Iraqi children. You are an outstanding role model for people of all ages and I am grateful for your efforts to promote peace abroad.

Daniel, please know Americans of all ages are grateful for your service to our country. Together, with your loving family and friends, I look forward to welcoming you home again soon.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Chris Shays", written over a large, stylized flourish.

Christopher Shays  
Member of Congress