



February 17, 2005

Saman Shali
Kurdish National Congress of North America
P.O. Box 1663
Lake Forest, CA 92630

Dear Dr. Shali:

Thank you very much for inviting Governor Bredesen to join you for the 17th Annual Conference of the Kurdish National Congress on Saturday, March 26, 2005. The governor appreciates you taking time to include him in your plans.

Unfortunately, Governor Bredesen's schedule does not permit him to attend as many events as he would like. I regret that he will be unable to attend the 17th Annual Conference of the Kurdish National Congress due to a scheduling conflict. He has asked that I pass on to you his appreciation for the support your invitation shows.

On behalf of the governor, thank you again for your kind invitation. Please feel free to contact our office if we can be of any other assistance to you.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Emily Rosencranz".

Emily Rosencranz
Scheduler