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Dear Friends,

I would like to congratulate the American Hellenic Institute for organizing the 50th Anniversary Hellenic Heritage Achievement and National Public Service Awards Dinner. This event celebrates leaders committed to both supporting the Greek-American community and advancing the United States's common interests and cooperation with Greece, Cyprus, and our partners in the Eastern Mediterranean. AHI President Nick Larigakis has played a critical role in advancing Hellenic priorities in the United States, and I commend his outstanding leadership along with AHI's decades-long advocacy efforts.

Each year, AHI recognizes individuals who are integral to the Greek-American tradition of public service. I thank AHI for honoring Hellenic Heritage Lifetime Achievement Awardee Angelo K. Tsakopoulos and Hellenic Heritage National Public Service Awardee Caterina Papoulias-Sakellaris for their important contributions to the Greek-American community.

Greek-Americans and Philhellenes around the country deserve recognition for their important achievements that reflect the Hellenic spirit and foster a meaningful international relationship between the United States and Greece. I extend my appreciation and best wishes to all attendees of this ceremony.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Chris Pappas".

Chris Pappas  
Member of Congress