

Speaker Ryan: CODEL travels to United Arab Emirates

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ABU DHABI—House Speaker Paul Ryan (R-WI) and his bipartisan Congressional Delegation continued their visit to the Middle East today, traveling to the United Arab Emirates (UAE). The focus of the speaker's visit to Abu Dhabi was advancing our shared goals of rolling back Iranian aggression and other extremist elements in the region, as well as continuing our economic and business partnerships.

"I appreciate the opportunity to come back to the UAE to discuss ways the U.S. can continue to work with our Emirati partner to counter extremism and Iranian influence in the region," said Speaker Ryan. "We also have a unique opportunity to build on our strong economic partnership, and I look forward to continuing to maximize these opportunities in the near future."

The delegation began its day at the U.S. Embassy where the members received several briefings. The speaker then delivered a speech on foreign policy at the Emirates Diplomatic Academy (EDA), which was followed by a question and answer session between the EDA Director Bernardino León and UAE Ambassador to the U.S. Yousef Al Otaiba. The delegation ended its day with a dinner meeting with the Abu Dhabi Crown Prince Sheikh Mohamed bin Zayed.