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Dear TCFR Members and Friends:

As the incoming president of the Tucson Committee on Foreign Relations (TCFR), I want to thank you for your previous support of TCFR and its activities, and as well your strong interest in our country's foreign policies. As I write this letter the foreign policy environment continues its turbulence and complexity. We are in the midst of trade wars, complex security challenges, and strains in relations with both allies and adversaries.

It is clearly a time for serious analyses of these topics, and true to our mission, TCFR is finalizing a schedule of experts to address a set of critical issues, issues that were vetted with the membership and indicated by you as having high interest.

On September 26th, Tim Stellar will address us on the topic of "Facts, Fiction and Options in the Border Security Debate." Many of you have been reading his work in the Arizona Daily Star, and he will bring a view to border security that is both national and local. Tim is a 20-year veteran reporter with an extensive background covering this issue.

October 17th, we will be joined by Dr. Michael Austin who will focus on "From Mao to Xi: The Rise of China as a Global Power."

In November, Professor Kathleen Belew (University of Chicago) will talk with us about "The Rise of White Nationalism at Home and Abroad."

In December, Frank Figlizzi will speak on "Trump vs the Intelligence and Military Communities."

Additional presentations are being finalized, covering issues that include: the global disparity of wealth distribution; democracy in crisis; the geopolitical struggle for power in the Middle East; and Brexit and the future of the European Union.

Please take a moment now to renew your membership, or join us if you are not already a member. Please complete the enclosed form and return it with your check so you can be part of the 2019-2020 season. Alternatively, you can renew or join online at www.tcf.org.

I look forward to seeing you at our upcoming events. And as always, feel free to provide feedback about what we are doing at TCFR. That feedback is very much welcomed by me and the board.

And thank you again for your support for TCFR.

With best regards,



Tom Volgy