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Mark Zuckerberg  
Founder  
Facebook, Inc.  
1601 Willow Road  
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Dear Mr. Zuckerberg:

I want to congratulate you on your remarkable success with Facebook and in anticipation of the upcoming historic initial public offering (IPO). This is truly a testament to the power of ideas, both in the minds of Facebook's creators and its users. I am confident that this next step will provide new opportunities and challenges and wish you the best of luck as things move forward.

As Facebook prepares to issue its initial public offering, I write to encourage you to consider instructing your financial advisors to reserve a portion of this stock for purchase by non-profit organizations and foundations. Facebook has evolved to be more than a site where "friends" connect. It is a medium for social change, public education and debate. Through its users it has evolved to be the new 'public square.' Unfortunately, some of the communities from which your users hail are facing significant challenges. A great network of non-profits and foundations has stepped in to bridge the gap, and these organizations are constantly in search of creative ways to ensure there is enough funding to continue their great work.

As you know and is widely reported, access to the market to purchase Facebook stock is likely to be reserved to elite or priority investors. The market will do what it will. Reserving a fraction of the stock for public spirited organizations, especially those that are national in nature and serve youth in diverse communities, seems like a very Facebook action to take. It would mean opening up access to this high value commodity in a way that serves the public good.

I appreciate your consideration of this suggestion and remain optimistic that you will take advantage of this proposal to provide a significant opportunity for important civic organizations. I am happy to answer any questions you may have.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Chaka Fattah". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name being the most prominent.

Chaka Fattah  
Member of Congress