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Mr. Robert Mueller
Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation
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Washington, D.C. 20535

Dear Mr. Mueller:

Over the past couple of weeks, we have read with interest reports that the FBI has severed its ties to the Council on American Islamic Relations (CAIR). We certainly support that action, and it would be helpful to us to understand the situation more fully.

For example, would your field offices have the same policy and are there any reservations or exceptions in your policy? And since the Bureau has taken a leadership role, do you know whether other federal government agencies still have ties to CAIR and are they aware of the Bureau’s decision? Obviously, we believe this should be government-wide policy.

Finally, given CAIR’s status as an unindicted co-conspirator in the Holy Land Foundation case, we would like to know more about other unindicted co-conspirators. Does the Bureau have any other contacts with organizations or individuals identified by federal prosecutors as unindicted co-conspirators in terrorism finance investigations and were those contacts affected by the decision to sever ties with CAIR?

We have appreciated the opportunity to work with you in the past and hope to continue to provide the tools you need to help keep this country safe.

Sincerely,

JON KYL
United States Senator

CHARLES E. SCHUMER
United States Senator

TOM A. COBURN, M.D.
United States Senator