

Congress of the United States
Washington, DC 20515

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Dear Attorney General Holder:

We are writing to request that you host a meeting with leaders of the American Muslim community to discuss the decline in relations between the American Muslim community and the Department of Justice as well as ways to repair it.

It has been brought to our attention that some American Muslim groups are deeply concerned over a series of Department of Justice tactics they view as questionable and coercive.

Their concerns include:

- A recent report from *The Los Angeles Times* asserting that the FBI employed a convicted forger to infiltrate California mosques¹. Interestingly, leadership of that community reported the infiltrator to law enforcement as a potential terrorist.
- A bulletin circulated by the regional homeland security data and analysis North Texas Fusion System that identified as "imperative" the need for law enforcement officers to report on constitutionally protected activities undertaken by American Muslims to engage their elected representatives.
- Reports from Somali Muslims in Minnesota and elsewhere expressing concern about FBI religious profiling procedures².
- Evidence that the FBI or other government entities are working or contracting with foreign governments to interrogate U.S. citizens who are Muslim³.

¹ Glover, Scot. "FBI monitored members of O.C. mosques at gyms, alleged informant says" *Los Angeles Times* 28 April 2009: <http://articles.latimes.com/2009/apr/28/local/me-surveillance28?pg=1>.

² Temple-Raston, Dina. "Indictments Stir Fear, Relief For Somali-Americans" *NPR* 15 July 2009: <http://www.npr.org/templates/story/story.php?storyId=106623680>

³ Vick, Karl. "American Muslim's Case Poses a Test" *Washington Post* 23 March 2009: Page A02

These concerns raise legitimate questions about due process, justice, and equal treatment under the law. We hope you will meet with American Muslim leaders to ensure that core American values are respected for all Americans, regardless of race, ethnicity, or faith. For your convenience, we have attached a contact list of American Muslim leaders. Thank you for your attention to this important matter.

Sincerely,


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American Muslim Alliance (AMA)

Council on American-Islamic Relations (CAIR)

Islamic Circle of North America (ICNA)

Muslim Alliance in North America (MANA)

Muslim American Society-Freedom Foundation

Muslim Student Association-National (MSA-N)

Muslim Ummah of North America (MUNA)

Islamic Society of North America (ISNA)

Muslim Public Affairs Council (MPAC)