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TAMMY BALDWIN UNITED STATES SENATOR

September 2018

Council on American-Islamic Relations (CAIR) 453 New Jersey Avenue SE Washington, D.C. 20003

Dear friends of the Council on American-Islamic Relations,

I am delighted to commend the Council on American-Islamic Relations (CAIR) on 24 years of excellence as you host your 2018 Celebratory Banquet with the theme "*Faith Led, Justice Driven.*" I appreciate all that you do in defense of justice and civil liberties throughout our state and nation.

You deserve to be proud of your work to promote mutual understanding by countering prejudice and combating Islamophobia. I commend your dedication to equality and your efforts to protect the civil rights and freedom of expression all Americans, regardless of their faith. Now more than ever, it is critical that you continue the fight for civil discourse and civic engagement.

Again, congratulations on more than two decades of passionate advocacy and best wishes for a successful event. If I can ever be of assistance to your important mission, please do not hesitate to reach out.

Sincerely,

Tammy Baldwin United States Senator

MICHAEL F. BENNET



October 20, 2018

Council on American-Islamic Relations 24th Annual Banquet Arlington, Virginia

Dear Friends and Honored Guests:

It is my pleasure to welcome everyone to the 2018 Celebratory Banquet for the Council on American-Islamic Relations (CAIR). Since its founding, the organization has actively served the community with integrity to protect the constitutional rights of American Muslims.

In these challenging times, CAIR's commitment to justice and civil rights is critical to protect communities from xenophobia and hate. Together, we will fight for equality to ensure the arc of history bends towards justice.

Thank you for your exemplary and vital advocacy. Please accept my best wishes for a memorable and educational event.

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Michael F. Bennet United States Senator



RICHARD BLUMENTHAL UNITED STATES SENATOR

September 20, 2018

Council on American-Islamic Relations National Office 453 New Jersey Avenue, S.E. Washington, D.C. 20003

Dear Friends,

I am pleased to join you in celebrating twenty-four years of community service, civic engagement, and unity. With this year's theme, "*Faith Led, Justice Driven*," the Council continues its extraordinary mission of promoting dialogue and understanding among people of all faiths.

The Council's work to uphold the value of justice and tolerance, both in Connecticut and across the country, is admirable and more critical than ever today as hate groups become emboldened and incidents of hate crimes increase. I have been proud to stand with CAIR-CT and other faith based groups speaking out against hate speech, bias based crimes and other acts that seek to divide us.

To preserve our democracy, the constitutional rights of people of <u>all</u> faiths and backgrounds should be protected.

I congratulate the Council on over two decades of excellence, and I send my best wishes for the success of your 24th Anniversary Celebratory Banquet.

Sincerely, Richard Olomen,

Richard Blumenthal United States Senator

CORY A. BOOKER New JERSEY



UNITED STATES SENATE WASHINGTON, D. C. 20510

October 20, 2018

Council on American-Islamic Relations National Office 453 New Jersey Ave, S.E. Washington, D.C. 20003

Dear Friends,

It is a pleasure to extend my warmest greetings as you gather to celebrate the Council on American-Islamic Relations' 24th Anniversary.

Since its inception, the Council on American-Islamic Relations has been a committed advocate for the American Muslim community and sought to support the freedom of religion and the freedom of expression, both of which are cherished American values established in our most sacred documents. I applaud your work and programming in the fight against discrimination of all forms.

Like many of you gathered here at the 2018 Celebratory Banquet, I have sought to find ways to bring people together. Like you, I have worked to find common ground to tackle our nation's greatest challenges, protect civil rights, promote the advancement of justice, and empower the most vulnerable among us.

The tireless efforts of the many who are here in this room tonight, and the many who are not with us this evening, serve as an inspiration to all of those who wish to end bigotry. Your focus to educate and build bridges among people are a testament to the truth of America: that we are a more powerful, more secure, and more just nation when we celebrate and embrace our diversity.

As you reflect on and celebrate all that you have accomplished, I wish you a joyous and memorable evening.

Cory A. Booker United States Senator



October 20, 2018

Dear Friends:

I would like to extend a warm welcome to everyone attending the Council on American-Islamic Relations (CAIR) Anniversary Banquet. This occasion provides a wonderful opportunity to reflect your work for the past 24 years. The theme of tonight's celebration, "Faith Led, Justice Driven," captures the dynamic mission of the CAIR.

America's variety of faiths, ethnicities, and backgrounds give it strength and unite us in pursuit of the ideals of liberty and justice. Mutual understanding is a cornerstone of our democracy and the CAIR does the important work of fostering meaningful dialogue. The CAIR gives American Muslims an authentic voice in that conversation.

By defending the civil rights of American Muslims, the CAIR helps to protect the fundamental tenants of our democracy for all Americans. Through voter registration and non-partisan voter awareness campaigns, the CAIR is actively helping to perfect our democracy. The CAIR's advocacy, education, and activism has made a significant impact in the lives of American Muslims. I commend the CAIR for upholding the values that define America, and holding the nation accountable when we fall short.

My best wishes for a celebration as you honor the past, celebrate the present, and envision the future of the organization. Thank you for all of your contributions to our communities.

Benjamin L. Cardin United States Senator

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Dear Friends,

It is my honor to congratulate the Council on American-Islamic Relations (CAIR) on its 24th anniversary of protecting the civil rights and dignity of all Americans. This year's Banquet theme, "Faith Led, Justice Driven," reminds me of a critical Martin Luther King quote, "The arc of the moral universe is long, but it bends toward justice."

CAIR has been a constant leader fighting against injustice and discrimination. It is CAIR's steadfast advocacy for greater compassion and inclusion that will indeed achieve a brighter future for generations to come and ensure justice prevails.

I would like to thank CAIR for leading the fight to achieve respect for the Islamic community, leading by example and lifting up others. Once again, congratulations on this incredible milestone in your organization's history. My best wishes to all of the attendees at tonight's celebration and to all those who helped make this event possible.

Tammy Duckworth

Tammy Duckworth United States Senator

KAMALA D. HARRIS CALIFORNIA

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October 20, 2018

Council on American-Islamic Relations National Office 453 New Jersey Ave, S.E. Washington, Dc 20003

Dear Friends,

Welcome to the Council on American-Islamic Relations (CAIR) 24rd Anniversary Banquet. As you celebrate this milestone, please accept my gratitude and admiration for your tireless work to promote peace, justice, and mutual understanding.

For nearly a quarter century, CAIR has worked diligently to dismantle Islamophobic rhetoric, mobilize the American Muslim community, and encourage civic engagement. The council has strived to improve understanding about Islam, and move toward a future in which we welcome people of goodwill from all faiths and nationalities into our neighborhoods and our schools, as well as our hearts and our minds. In the face of intolerant and exclusionary policies, CAIR has steadfastly defended the constitutional rights of American Muslims who aspire to build better lives for their families and contribute to our communities and our great nation. Today, as we continue to promote tolerance and eliminate hate in our society, CAIR's work remains as important as it was the day of its founding in 1994.

Once again, thank you for your commitment to protecting civil liberties and making the promise of America real for all Americans. Best wishes for a memorable celebration.

Kamala D. Harris United States Senator

United States Senate WASHINGTON, DC 20510

September 12, 2018

Council on American-Islamic Relations 453 New Jersey Avenue SE Washington, DC 20003

Dear Friends,

It is with great pleasure that I congratulate the Council on American-Islamic Relations (CAIR) for 24 years of excellence and community service as you host your 2018 Celebratory Banquet, *"Faith Led, Justice Driven."* I applaud the council for continuing this great tradition of bringing together community leaders, scholars, and activists to celebrate the importance of protecting civil liberties.

Our democracy requires the active participation of informed citizens, and I commend CAIR for giving the American Muslim community a voice in the public square. I also applaud CAIR for its support of the principles of civic engagement on which our nation was founded.

To each of you, best of luck. May this year's banquet be a wonderful experience for every person in attendance.



Tim Kaine Virginia



August 30, 2018

Council on American Islamic Relations 453 New Jersey Ave SE National Office Washington, D.C. 20003

Dear Friends:

I am pleased to extend warm greetings to all attending the Council on American Islamic Relations 24th Anniversary Banquet.

As America's largest Muslim civil liberties and advocacy organization, CAIR has contributed to encouraging dialogue, protecting civil liberties and empowering American Muslims to succeed as community leaders and activists. This year's theme, *Faith Led, Justice Driven*, speaks to CAIR's important mission and I am hopeful that your banquet will provide an opportunity for reflection on past accomplishments and inspiration for continued advocacy.

The Commonwealth of Virginia and the United States of America are made stronger by those who fight for civil liberties and justice for all Americans. Congratulations on your 24th Anniversary and best wishes for a great event!

Tim Kaine

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October 20, 2018

Council on American-Islamic Relations 453 New Jersey Avenue Southeast Washington, DC 20003

Dear Friends:

Thank you for your invitation to the Council on American-Islamic Relations (CAIR) 24th Annual Banquet. I want to acknowledge the work CAIR does to bring communities together and I am proud to see this tradition of gathering leaders, scholars and activists to defend civil liberties carry on, as you celebrate your 24th anniversary.

The work of CAIR to protect the rights of all Americans is commendable, and I want to express my gratitude on behalf of not only our state, but also our nation. Your theme of "Faith Led, Justice Driven" is exemplified by your track record of 24 outstanding years of advocacy and open dialogue. I have always believed that our strength and vitality comes from the diversity and empathy of our people.

There has been an unfortunate increase in islamophobia and hate crimes recently. It is unacceptable for hate to threaten the noble work you all do. In the Senate, I am working with my colleagues to ensure the federal government provides more resources to fight these threats and protect our communities. In the face of heightened threats, challenged by those who wish to separate and divide us, you continue to do what you do best: bring people together.

Thank you again for your invitation. I look forward to continuing our work together, and am honored to serve you in the United States Senate. Enjoy this special milestone.

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Amy Klobuchar United States Senator



SENATOR ROBERT MENENDEZ UNITED STATES SENATE NEW JERSEY

October 20, 2018

Dear Friends,

I am writing to congratulate the Council on American-Islamic Relations (CAIR) for 24 years of dedication and community services as you host your 2018 Celebratory Banquet with the theme of "*Faith Led, Justice Driven.*" I applaud the council for continuing this great tradition of bringing together community leaders, scholars and activists to celebrate CAIR's work defending civil liberties. The Council's work in the state of New Jersey and across the nation is much appreciated.

CAIR's effort to dismantle Islamophobia rhetoric, mobilize the American Muslim community, unite with others against all types of hate, and encourage civic engagement have played an instrumental role in helping move America forward.

Our democracy requires the active participating of informed citizens. I commend CAIR for its efforts to support the principles of civic engagement on which our nation was founded.

On behalf of the state of New Jersey, I salute your commitment and dedication to serve your community and may this year's banquet be a delightful experience for every one attending.

Sincerely,

Robert Menendez

United States Senator

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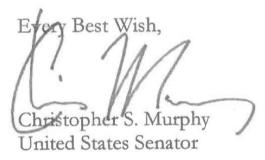


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Dear Friends:

It is with great pleasure that I congratulate the Council on American-Islamic Relations (CAIR) on 24 years of excellence and community service as you host your 2018 Celebratory Banquet with the theme "Faith Led, Justice Driven." I applaud the council for continuing this great tradition of bringing together community leaders, scholars, and activists to celebrate CAIR's work defending civil liberties. The council's work in Connecticut and across the nation is greatly appreciated.



PATTY MURRAY WASHINGTON COMMITTEES: APPROPRIATIONS BUDGET HEALTH, EDUCATION, LABOR, AND PENSIONS VETERANS' AFFAIRS



Dear Friends,

I would like to extend my sincere congratulations to the Council on American-Islamic Relations (CAIR) as you celebrate your 24th year of serving the American Muslim community. Please know that I stand with you in celebration, and am excited to see CAIR's continued work in Washington state and across the nation.

So much of what makes America great is our diversity and the Council on American-Islamic Relations has been a dedicated leader throughout America in defending civil rights and facilitating dialogue to promote justice and mutual understanding. This work is no less important today as it was 24 years ago when CAIR began defending the rights of Muslim Americans. In the past year, the Council's commitment to challenging Islamophobic rhetoric and standing strong against the rise of anti-Muslim hate incidents has been instrumental in creating a safer, more inclusive, and more welcoming community for all. CAIR's dedication to Washington state and the nation is truly necessary to ensure the civil rights and civil liberties of all Americans are upheld and protected.

I am proud to stand with an organization committed to increasing citizen engagement and upholding some of our country's most important values like equity, justice, and civil rights protections. Know that you will always have a partner in me, and as a voice for Washington state in the United States Senate, I look forward to the work you and your Washington state counterparts will achieve.

Again, congratulations on 24 years of dedicated service to Washington state, our country, and the Muslim community.

Sincerely,

Patty Murray

United States Senator

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UNITED STATES SENATE WASHINGTON, D.C. 20510

BILL NELSON

September 7, 2018

Council on American-Islamic Relations National Office 453 New Jersey Ave, S.E. Washington, D.C. 20003

Dear Friends,

Greetings and welcome to the 24th Annual Banquet for the Council on American Islamic Relations. Congratulations on 24 years of excellence and community service as you host your 2018 Celebratory Banquet with the theme "*Faith Led, Justice Driven*."

It is hard to measure the contribution CAIR has made in its 24 years of promoting justice and mutual understanding, protecting civil rights, and empowering American Muslims. The Council's work across the nation is to be commended. I am grateful for your hard work in ensuring that the rights of all Americans remain well protected.

Congratulations again, and I wish you the best for a successful banquet!

Sincerely,



October 20, 2018

Dear Friends,

I am pleased to congratulate the Council on American-Islamic Relations (CAIR) on 24 years of advocacy and civic engagement as you celebrate your 2018 banquet.

Over the last 24 years, CAIR has been a leader in facilitating interfaith dialogue, protecting civil liberties, and building mutual understanding. The council's efforts to protect and defend the constitutional rights of all Americans, and specifically those in the Muslim community, have not gone unnoticed, and I am extremely grateful for your work.

Our country is great because of dedicated individuals who exercise their civic duties and stand up for the respect, freedom, and dignity of all. I applaud the council's devotion to our nation's democratic values and your work advocating for a more just society.

Again, congratulations on 24 years of remarkable work. Enjoy your celebration as it is well deserved.

Tina Smith United States Senate

Senator Thom Tillis North Carolina



U.S. Senate Washington D.C. 20510

October 20, 2018

Council on American-Islamic Relations 453 New Jersey Avenue SE Washington, D.C. 20003

Dear Friends,

I am pleased to extend my best wishes to everyone gathered at the Council on American-Islamic Relations' 2018 Celebratory Banquet. While my Senate schedule prevents me from attending today's event, I would like to congratulate the Council on 24 years of dedication to the vision of justice and mutual understanding.

Religious freedom is foundational to the American system of government and has rightly been called our "first freedom." Our nation proudly cherishes the freedom of religion where all are free to peaceably practice, teach, and observe their faiths.

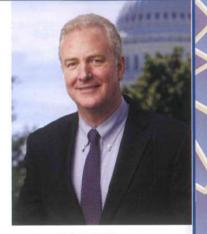
I appreciate the work that you do in educating, uniting, and defending civil liberties, and I wish you all the best for a wonderful celebration.

Sincerely,

Thom Tillis U.S. Senator



Chris Van Hollen U.S. Senator



October 20, 2018

Dear Friends:

I wish to offer my heartiest congratulations to CAIR on its 24th anniversary and my warmest greetings to everyone gathered for its 2018 Celebratory Banquet.

CAIR's efforts to protect civil rights, promote justice, and ensure that the voice of American Muslims is heard are vitally important, especially in today's political climate. It is essential for us all to fight against intolerance and hate, as we each have a role to play in ensuring that our democracy is guided by the values and principles that we all cherish and that democracy works for everyone. I commend CAIR on its work to increase civic engagement, including its voter registration efforts and on all it does to promote the active participation of an informed citizenry. I look forward to continuing to work with you to ensure that the civil rights of Muslim Americans are upheld.

Sincerely

You have my best wishes for an inspiring evening.

Chris Van Hollen United States Senator MARK R WARNER VIRGINIA



Dear Friends,

I am pleased to extend warm greetings to all who are gathered for the Council on American-Islamic Relations' (CAIR) 24th Annual Banquet.

This event, "Faith Led, Justice Driven," provides an opportunity to celebrate CAIR's twenty-four years of progress with fellow community leaders, scholars, and activists. Since 1994, your organization has acted as a strong advocate for protecting the civil liberties of all Americans and has built coalitions that promote justice and mutual understanding. These efforts encourage open dialogue and enhance communities' understanding of Islam. I commend you for your work.

On this important occasion, I am very pleased to join with your families, friends, and communities in wishing CAIR the very best for a fulfilling and successful banquet.

Mark R Women

MARK R. WARNER United States Senator

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PETE AGUILAR CONGRESS OF THE UNITED STATES 31ST DISTRICT, CALIFORNIA

October 20, 2018

Council on American-Islamic Relations National Office 453 New Jersey Avenue SE Washington, DC 20003

Dear Friends,

It is with great pleasure that I commend the Council on American-Islamic Relations (CAIR) on your commitment to establishing a greater understanding between Americans of different faiths, cultures and backgrounds. Organizations like yours are critical to upholding the constitutional and civil rights of all Americans and this year's theme of "*Faith Led, Justice Driven*" speaks to the importance of building an inclusive democracy.

CAIR's work to build bridges of understanding and defend the civil liberties of the Muslim-American community have helped ensure that our communities are built on inclusion and acceptance. I appreciate CAIR's civil rights services, which have provided crucial aid for citizens and uphold the most-cherished American ideals: equality and the inalienable rights of all citizens. Our democracy requires the active participation of informed citizens. CAIR's voter registration and non-partisan "Get-Out-the-Vote" activities support the very principles of civic engagement on which our nation was founded.

Congratulations on 24 years of tireless advocacy. I wish you the best of luck as you continue this important work.

Pete Aguilar

Pete Aguilar Member of Congress

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Dear Friends,

I am delighted to congratulate the Council on American-Islamic Relations (CAIR) for 24 years of outstanding community service as you celebrate your 2018 Annual Banquet. The council's unwavering commitment to defending civil rights and promoting justice across the nation continues to be crucial in helping move our country forward.

As the nation's largest Muslim civil liberties organization, CAIR plays a crucial role in dismantling Islamophobia and promoting tolerance, diversity, and understanding. With the current political climate, the council's hard work and mission has never been more relevant or important.

Our country has a long history of discrimination. But I truly believe that grass-roots organizations, like CAIR, play a pivotal role in advancing justice and mutual understanding. CAIR's work is essential to protecting the civil rights of all Americans, regardless of faith.

Once again, congratulations on over two decades of hard work and being a voice for the American Muslim community. I hope you enjoy this celebration with the community leaders, scholars, and activists that have made this possible.

In Solidarity,

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Congresswoman Nanette Diaz Barragán California's 44th District

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October 20, 2018

Dear Friends:

With great pleasure I extend my congratulations to the **Council on American-Islamic Relations** (CAIR) on 24 years of service to the public and to the American Muslim community. This **2018 Annual Banquet** will celebrate the national organization's theme for the year: *Faith Lead, Justice Driven*.

Since 1995, CAIR has sought to serve communities across the nation and to increase inter-religious understanding. I commend efforts to empower Muslim Americans to participate in both local and national politics, to present a comprehensive and accurate understanding of Islam, and to encourage civic engagement in helping to move America forward. By protecting and defending the constitutional rights of American Muslims, CAIR has built coalitions among a diverse collection of community leaders, scholars and activists, many of whom have come together this evening to celebrate CAIR's work on civil liberties.

At a time when stereotypes and harmful characterizations play an out-sized role in the national conversation, it is more important than ever to increase understanding of Islam's long history and the rich variety represented among the more than one billion practitioners of the faith worldwide. You have my best wishes on a memorable event.

Karen Bass

Karen Bass Member of Congress





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Dear Friends,

I am proud to extend my warmest congratulations to the Council on American-Islamic Relations as you celebrate 24 years of hard work and community service. I appreciate the work you do on behalf of California and across the nation. As you host your 2018 Celebratory Banquet "*Faith Led, Justice Driven*," I commend CAIR for the continued efforts in fighting against bigotry and hate, encouraging engagement at each level of the political process, and protecting the rights of every American.

Now more than ever, engaged and knowledgeable citizens are critical for the future of our democracy. I thank you for continuing to bring together community leaders in the defense of civil liberties.

Although I am unable to be with you tonight, I know that the celebration will be an enjoyable experience and send my best wishes.

Be Well,

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Dear Friends:

I write to wish my sincere congratulations to the Council on American-Islamic Relations (CAIR) for hosting its 24th Anniversary Celebratory Banquet with the theme "*Faith Led, Justice Driven*." I greatly appreciate the leadership role the council fulfills nationwide, but especially in Northern Virginia.

As a firm believer in civil rights, I applaud CAIR's efforts in defending civil liberties, empowering American Muslims, and presenting an accurate portrayal of Islam. CAIR's work is a true representation of what the United States democracy stands for – civic engagement by bringing together community leaders, scholars, and activists to support and defend the civil and constitutional rights of all Americans.

Additionally, I appreciate CAIR's support for my bill, H.R. 852, the Freedom of Religion Act of 2017, which would make it illegal for the United States to bar an immigrant, refugee, or traveler to our nation on the basis of religion. Your work is truly essential in making democracy work for everyone.

Again, congratulations, and best of luck. I have no doubt that this year's banquet will be a wonderful experience for every person in attendance.

Warm regards,

8. Beyer Jr. Member of Congress



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FIFTH DISTRICT INDIANA

October 20, 2018

Dear Friends,

Congratulations to everyone at the Council on American-Islamic Relations (CAIR) for 24 years of service to our great nation! I want to commend you on all this organization does for our community and I am confident that you will continue your success across our country for many years to come.

As Indiana's Congressional Representative for the 5th District, I know how important it is to have organizations that build and foster relationships between community leaders, scholars and activists to protect our civil liberties. Our community is truly privileged to have you all working to uphold and defend the constitutional and civil rights of American Muslims as we all work to ensure our country remains protected. CAIR has been an instrumental voice in the fight against hate and helping the nation overcome and move forward.

Once again, congratulations to the Council on American-Islamic Relations for reaching 24 years of service. I know that as CAIR moves forward, you will continue to honor the traditions and practices which have helped you reach this impressive milestone.

Susanw. Brooks)

Susan W. Brooks Member of Congress



October 20, 2018



A MESSAGE FROM Representative Anthony G. Brown

Dear Friends:

It is with great pleasure that I welcome you to the Council on American-Islamic Relations' (CAIR) 24th Annual Banquet.

For more than two decades, CAIR has been a voice for fairness, diversity and justice in our country. By working to protect civil liberties, fighting for justice and empowering American Muslims, CAIR has become a leading advocate for the rights and protection of Muslims and Americans of all creeds.

The theme of this year's Policy Conference, "We The People, Organizing for Justice: Vision 2020" is a timely reminder of the decisive times ahead for our country, and the importance or joining together for the rights of all Americans. I applaud CAIR for taking on this important subject.

In Congress I continue to fight every day to strengthen and expand opportunity and fairness for my constituents and the United States. Together, we will build a brighter future for the families of our great nation. On behalf of the residents of Maryland's Fourth Congressional District, I send my congratulations and best wishes for your celebration.

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Dear Friends,

I send my congratulations to the Council on American Islamic Relations' (CAIR) on your 24th anniversary. I am especially happy to note the work of the Massachusetts chapter, established in 2015. CAIR fulfills an important mission, fostering understanding of the Muslim-American community through dialogue and coalition building, CAIR works not only to empower Muslim-Americans, but also to support human rights, civil liberties, and religious freedom for all. Your efforts have deepened the public's understanding of Islam at a time when mutual respect is sorely needed. I wish continued success in your important mission.

Sincerely,

Michael E. Capuano Member of Congress SALUD O. CARBAJAL 24TH DISTRICT, CALIFORNIA WEBBITE: CARBAJAL, HOUSE GOV

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Dear Friends,

I am proud to congratulate the Council on American-Islamic Relations (CAIR) for 24 years of dedicated service and community building as you host your 2018 Celebratory Banquet, "Faith Led, Justice Driven." I applaud the council for continuing this great tradition of bringing together leaders, scholars, and activists to celebrate CAIR's work defending our civil liberties. The council's work in the state of California and across the nation is very important for our future.

CAIR's efforts to dismantle Islamophobic rhetoric, mobilize the American Muslim community, unite with others against all types of hate, and encourage civic engagement have played an instrumental role in helping move America forward.

Our democracy requires the active participation of informed citizens. I commend CAIR for its efforts to support the principles of civic engagement on which our nation was founded.

By protecting and defending the constitutional rights of American Muslims, CAIR supports the rights of all Americans. CAIR's work is essential in making democracy work for everyone.

May this year's banquet be a wonderful experience for every person in attendance.

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Dear Friends:

It gives me great pleasure to congratulate the **Council on American-Islamic Relations (CAIR)**, as you host your 24th annual banquet with the theme: "Faith Led, Justice Driven." I applaud the council for continuing this great tradition of bringing together community leaders, scholars and activists to celebrate CAIR's work defending civil liberties.

CAIR's efforts to dismantle Islamophobic rhetoric, mobilize the American Muslim community, unify against all types of hate, and encourage civic engagement have played an instrumental role in helping move America forward. In a time of hateful rhetoric, it is imperative to keep an open dialogue to increase interfaith understanding between our communities.

Since its inception in 1994, the council's active civic engagement, community outreach, and educational programs have been vital in empowering American Muslims nationwide. Our country has a rich history of diversity because our communities respect and celebrate our differences, not dwell on them.

I commend CAIR for being a vehicle of inclusiveness and cooperation through chapters across the country, including my community in Los Angeles. Please accept my best wishes as you commemorate twenty-four years of fellowship on this special night.

Sincerely,

Tony Cardenas

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October 20, 2018

Dear Friends,

It is my great pleasure to welcome each and every one of you to this year's Council on American-Islamic Relations' 24th Celebratory Banquet. By connecting Muslims nationwide, CAIR has been a prominent leader in the movement towards improving civil rights and defending civil liberties for all Americans, regardless of faith. For the past 24 years, the council has been successful in establishing a strong coalition of leaders from across the nation that continue to promote justice and mutual understanding.

This year's theme, "Faith Led, Justice Driven" expresses the importance of uniting to ensure that our democracy reflects the core values and beliefs that we stand for, especially during these turbulent times. It is of the utmost importance that American Muslims, including our community leaders and scholars, defend the principle of civic engagement, and continue to advocate for the increasingly diverse American Muslim voices throughout our communities. By leading with the tenets of our faith, we can work together to ensure a better, more just future for every American.

Once again, I would like to thank you for attending this empowering event and recognizing the significance of CAIR's efforts. I sincerely hope that you will leave this banquet with new connections, and a sense of purpose for how to effect and create the positive change we need to move America in a more just and empowering direction.

Best Wishes,

André Carson Member of Congress

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Dear Friends,

It is with great enthusiasm that I extend a warm welcome to those gathered for the Council on American-Islamic Relations' 24th Annual Banquet, "Faith Led, Justice Driven."

Since its founding in 1994, CAIR has played an integral role in defending and fighting for civil liberties for Muslims. CAIR's work to protect the constitutional and civil rights of all Americans ensured that the American Muslim community had a voice in our country. I commend CAIR for their tireless work to challenge



stereotypes of Muslims and promote principles of civic engagement in order to make our democracy work for all who reside here.

As we celebrate CAIR tonight, let us also reflect on the contributions that American Muslims have made to our great nation and renew our commitment to denouncing hateful rhetoric, policies, and actions that seek to divide us. Our nation has always been strengthened by its diversity, and we will continue to stand with the American Muslim community to safeguard our religious freedoms and civil rights.

On behalf of the United States House of Representatives and the people of the 27th Congressional District, I offer my congratulations and best wishes for the continued success of the Council on American-Islamic Relations.

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October 20, 2018

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Dear Friends,

I write to offer my congratulations to the Council on American-Islamic Relations (CAIR) for 24 years of excellence and community service as you host your 2018 Celebratory Banquet with the theme *Faith Led, Justice Driven*. I applaud the council for continuing this great tradition of bringing together community leaders, scholars, and activists to celebrate CAIR's work defending civil liberties. The council's work in Massachusetts and across the nation is much appreciated.

The Fifth Congressional District of Massachusetts is home to a vibrant, thriving Muslim-American community. I am proud to work closely with this community to advance our shared values, and CAIR's role in ensuring that American Muslims have a voice in the public square is invaluable to that effort. Our democracy requires the active participation of informed citizens, and I commend CAIR for its voter registration and non-partisan get-out-the-vote activities, which support the very principles of civic engagement on which our nation was founded.

CAIR's legal work to uphold and defend the constitutional and civil rights of American Muslims ensures that the rights of all Americans remain well protected. The council's public campaigns to expose and dismantle the Islamophobia Network, in addition to their partnership with other communities to push back against all types of hate have played an instrumental role in helping move America forward. CAIR's work is essential in making democracy work for everyone.

Again, congratulations on this tremendous achievement. I look forward to our continued collaboration.

Sincerely,

Kacheine M. Clark

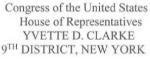
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October 20th, 2018

Greetings,

On behalf of the people of the Ninth Congressional District of New York, I would like to extend congratulations to the Council on American-Islamic Relations (CAIR) on the celebration of twenty-four years of community service.

I applaud CAIR for bringing community leaders, scholars, and activists together, year after year, to celebrate CAIR's empowering and inspiring work. CAIR's mission of upholding and defending the constitutional and civil rights of American Muslims. This ensures that the rights of all Americans remain well protected.

I'm proud to serve a large Muslim population in the Ninth Congressional District and admire CAIR's commitment to uplifting Muslim communities, dismantling Islamophobia, and sharing the true narratives of American Muslims across our nation.

Thank you CAIR for giving the American Muslim community an authentic voice in the public square.

Best wishes for continued success!

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Dear Friends,

May "Peace be with you" and congratulations to the Council on American-Islamic Relations (CAIR) for 24 years of excellence and community service as you host your 2018 Celebratory Banquet, Saturday, October 20, 2018 at the Marriott Crystal Gateway in Arlington, VA. The event theme "*Faith Led, Justice Driven*" highlights the CAIR mission -- to understand Islam, encourage dialogue, protect civil liberties, empower American Muslims, and build coalitions that promote justice and mutual understanding.

I applaud the council for bringing together community leaders, scholars and activists to celebrate CAIR's work to defend civil liberties, present an accurate portrayal of Islam and to give American Muslims an authentic voice in the public square. Founded in 1994, CAIR is America's largest Muslim civil liberties and advocacy organization. Its mission is important to our nation and our democracy. In May, CAIR representatives visited my office as part of the 4th annual Muslim Advocacy Day on Capitol Hill to discuss issues and concerns of Muslims in my district. Some 400 Muslims from 28 states met with 250 congressional offices.

CAIR's legal work to uphold and defend the constitutional and civil rights of American Muslims, ensures the rights of all Americans remain protected. The council's public campaigns to expose and dismantle the Islamophobia Network and partnership with other communities to push back against all hate have played an instrumental role in helping move America forward.

In closing, I commend CAIR for its voter registration and non-partisan get-out-the-vote activities, based on the principles of civic engagement on which our nation was founded. CAIR's work is essential in making democracy work for everyone.

Sincerely,

Wm. Locy Clay

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GERALD E. CONNOLLY WASHINGTON, D.C.



October 20, 2018

Council on American-Islamic Relations National Office 453 New Jersey Ave, S.E. Washington, Dc 20003

Dear Friends,

It is with great pleasure that I congratulate the Council on American-Islamic Relations (CAIR) on the occasion of its 24th anniversary! I am honored to welcome you to the 2018 Annual Banquet, "Faith Led, Justice Driven."

The 11th Congressional District of Virginia, which I represent in Congress, is blessed with rich diversity and is home to a vibrant Muslim population. I am proud of the strength and inclusivity of our community, and I am glad to partner with CAIR on issues that profoundly affect our district, especially in the areas of religious tolerance, economic development, and quality of life.

CAIR is committed to the promotion of civil liberties and equal rights for all. It has been an instrumental force in ensuring that the American Muslim community has a unified voice. I thank CAIR for its efforts to protect the constitutional rights of American Muslims and all Americans. The work done by CAIR and other similarly focused organizations is essential in making democracy work for all.

Once again, I congratulate CAIR on its 24th anniversary. Please accept my best wishes for a successful and enjoyable banquet and continued success.



Member of Congress 11th District of Virginia

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Dear Friends:

I congratulate the Council on American-Islamic Relations (CAIR) for 24 years of excellence and community service as you host the 2018 Celebratory Banquet with the theme "Faith Led, Justice Driven." The council's work in the State of California and across the nation is appreciated.

I applaud the council for continuing this tradition of bringing together community leaders, scholars, and activists to celebrate CAIR's work. CAIR's legal work to uphold and defend the constitutional and civil rights of American Muslims ensures that the rights of all Americans remain well and protected.

CAIR's work is essential in making democracy work for everyone. I commend CAIR for its voter registration and non-partisan get-out-the-vote activities, which support the very principles of civic engagement on which our nation was founded.

On behalf of the 46th Congressional District, I want to congratulate CAIR for their success and hard work in our communities. May this year's banquet be a wonderful experience for every person in attendance.

Respectfully,

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J. LUIS CORREA Member of Congress

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Dear Friends:

It is with great pleasure I congratulate the Council of American-Islamic Relations (CAIR) as you celebrate 24 years of excellence and community service as you host your 2018 Celebratory Banquet. I applaud the council for continuing this great tradition of bringing together community leaders, scholars, and activists to celebrate CAIR's work defending civil liberties. The council's work in my home state, California, and across the nation does not go unnoticed.

CAIR plays an instrumental role in upholding and defending constitutional and civil rights for the American Muslim community and in so doing, safeguarding all of our rights as Americans. Additionally, I would like to thank CAIR for providing a platform for the American Muslim community to have an authentic voice in civil society.

As an advocate for civil rights, I commend CAIR for empowering American Muslims nationwide for over two decades. Our democracy, now more than ever, is built on the active participation of informed citizens.

Again, congratulations on your 24th anniversary. As always please let me know if my staff or I can ever be of assistance.

Sincerely,

JIM COSTA Member of Congress

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October 20, 2018

Dear Friends,

Thank you for the opportunity to share my appreciation and well wishes with members of the Council on American-Islamic Relations (CAIR) as you celebrate your 24th anniversary. I am grateful for your friendship and especially for your advocacy of justice, promotion of mutual respect, and empowerment of the community.

CAIR's mission of enhancing our nation's understanding of Islam, encouraging dialogue, and protecting our civil liberties ensures that all the rights of all are protected and preserved. I would like to specifically acknowledge the efforts of Mr. Mongi Dhaouadi, former Executive Director of CAIR CT, and a good friend. Mr. Dhaouadi has been a reassuring voice to the Muslim community in Connecticut throughout his long career. He has left a profound impact within our state and nation, and I am certain that his leadership at the council will not be forgotten. I would also like to welcome Alicia Strong, the new Executive Director of CAIR CT, as she assumes her new role and takes the helm of a vibrant organization.

I look forward to many more years of CAIR's important work to create a more just and engaged society free of hate. Please enjoy this opportunity to celebrate CAIR's 24 years of service to our community.

Congressman Joe Courtney



HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES WASHINGTON, D.C. 20515

ELIJAH E. CUMMINGS SEVENTH DISTRICT MARYLAND

October 20, 2018

Dear Friends,

It is my pleasure to extend greetings and congratulations to the Council on American-Islamic Relations (CAIR) as you host your 24th Annual Banquet with the theme *"Faith Led, Justice Driven."*

The Council on American-Islamic Relations brings together leaders of the community, scholars and activists to celebrate CAIR's important work which includes defending civil liberties and providing essential community service. CAIR also enables the American Muslim community to speak with a strong, unified voice in the public arena.

CAIR is dedicated to enhancing an understanding of Islam, encouraging dialogue, protecting civil liberties, and building coalitions that promote justice and mutual understanding. Moreover, CAIR devotes countless hours to standing firm against anti-Muslim hate incidents that occur in our country.

In protecting and defending the constitutional rights of American Muslims, CAIR supports the rights of all Americans. CAIR's work is essential in helping to make democracy work for everyone.

CAIR's leadership and commitment to fostering understanding and peace are important and uplifting.

Best wishes to all of you as you celebrate CAIR's 24th Anniversary.

Elijah E. Cummings Member of Congress



RODNEY DAVIS MEMBER OF CONGRESS 13TH DISTRICT, ILLINOIS

September 19, 2018

Dear Friends,

It is with great pleasure that I congratulate the Council on American-Islamic Relations (CAIR) for 24 years of excellence and community service as you host your 2018 Celebratory Banquet with the theme "*Faith Led, Justice Driven.*"

CAIR is our nation's largest Muslim civil liberties and advocacy organization and has been an integral part of empowering Muslims across the country to engage in political and social activism. Through education and outreach, CAIR has enlightened many on the values and traditions of American Muslims, while also defending the constitutional rights of these individuals.

I would like to say thank you, CAIR, for your commitment to these great causes and for being a truly excellent example of how education, service, and humanitarianism can lead to such a positive impact on communities across the United States. Here's to many more years of success.

Sincerely D.

Rodney Davis / Member of Congress

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Greetings from Congresswoman DelBene

October 20, 2018

Dear Friends,

Welcome to the Council on American-Islamic Relations (CAIR) 2018 "Faith Led, Justice Driven" Celebratory Banquet. It is a great opportunity to honor and recognize CAIR for 24 years of excellence and service in support of our Muslim-American community. I applaud you for continuing this great tradition of bringing together community leaders, scholars and activists to celebrate their work defending civil liberties.

CAIR plays an important role in Washington state and across the country to uphold and defend the constitutional and civil liberties of Muslim-Americans. Their work and advocacy ensures that the rights of all Americans are and continue to be protected. CAIR's public campaigns to combat discrimination and build partnerships with other faith communities should serve as an example to all citizens as a path to build mutual understanding and respect among all cultures.

I also want to thank CAIR for giving the Muslim-American community an authentic voice in the public sphere. Our democracy requires the active participation of informed citizens, and CAIR should be recognized for its voter registration and non-partisan get-out-the-vote activities, which support the very principles of civic engagement on which our nation was founded.

Once again, thank you for your continued advocacy to fulfill the American promise of liberty and justice for all. Please accept my best wishes for a wonderful banquet!

Suzan K. DelBene Member of Congress

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Dear Friends:

I congratulate the Council on American-Islamic Relations (CAIR) for 24 years of excellence and community service as you host your 24th Anniversary Celebratory Banquet with the theme "Faith Led, Justice Driven." I applaud the council for continuing this great tradition of bringing together community leaders, scholars, and activists to celebrate CAIR's work defending civil liberties. The council's work in the state of California and across the nation is much appreciated.

CAIR's hard work to challenge Islamophobic rhetoric, mobilize the Muslim community, and combat the unprecedented spike in anti-Muslim hate incidents occurring nationwide is commendable. By protecting and defending the constitutional rights of American Muslims, CAIR supports the rights of all Americans. CAIR certainly has a hand in making democracy work for everyone.

Sincerely,

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Dear Friends,

It is an honor to offer my sincere congratulations to the Council on American-Islamic Relations (CAIR) on twenty-four years of service to American-Islamic relations and Muslims across the United States. Your 24th anniversary banquet, "*Faith Led, Justice Driven*," comes at a critical moment in the United States' history and the future of American-Islamic relationships. Our country has seen a higher level of equality and understanding in our district and across the nation due to CAIR's distinguished work.

In Michigan, the American Muslim community is an authentic voice in the public conversation. For 24 years, CAIR's tireless work has challenged Islamophobic rhetoric and discriminating policies and convened dialogues that foster understanding and unites citizens as one American community. When we allow fear to persist, it undermines our national values of understanding and acceptance, fueling further division and lack of understanding. CAIR has done an admirable job advocating for equality for the American Muslim Population in Michigan.

We are grateful for CAIR's efforts to better our democracy, protect and defend the constitutional rights of Muslims and unite all Americans. Thank you for the positive impact you have made and will continue to make in our community.

It is my wish this that year's banquet is a success. Your leadership is important.

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Debbie Dingell Member of Congress

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Dear friends,

I am pleased to congratulate the Council on American-Islamic Relations for 24 years of excellence, activism, and service to the American Muslim community as you hold your 2018 Celebratory Banquet themed "*Faith Led, Justice Driven*."

I greatly appreciate the work CAIR has done both in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania and across the nation since its founding in 1994. The Council's efforts to confront Islamophobic rhetoric, mobilize American Muslims and other communities against hate in all its forms, and encourage civic engagement have helped our nation remain true to its ideals and move closer to its aspirations.

CAIR has made a valuable contribution by speaking up for the American Muslim community in our civic discourse. Democracy can't survive without the active participation of informed citizens, and CAIR's work has provided greater and more diverse participation in that essential discussion. In protecting and defending the constitutional rights of American Muslims, CAIR supports the rights of every American.

I also commend CAIR for its voter registration and non-partisan get-out-the-vote activities, which support the most fundamental components of civic engagement in our nation.

The Council's work helps our democracy function better for all Americans. It is my hope that everyone in attendance at this year's banquet has an engaging, rewarding experience.

Sincerely

Mike Doyle, Member of Congress



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Dear Friends,

As-salaam Alaikum!

It is a pleasure to congratulate the Council on American-Islamic Relations (CAIR) on 24 years of service to the American-Muslim community and the United States. As the nation's largest Muslim civil rights and advocacy organization, CAIR fulfils a critical role in enhancing the understanding of Islam, encouraging dialogue, and building coalitions that promote justice and mutual understanding.

I applaud the council for continuing this tradition of bringing together community leaders, scholars and activists to celebrate CAIR's work defending civil liberties. CAIR is one of our strongest advocates for civil rights and civil liberties, and I applaud their efforts to uphold and defend the constitutional and civil rights of American Muslims By protecting and defending the constitutional rights of American Muslims, CAIR supports the rights of all Americans.

CAIR has also empowered American Muslims nationwide in political and social activism for the last two decades. Our democracy requires active participation of its citizens. I commend CAIR for its voter registration and non-partisan get-out-the-vote activities, which support the principle of civic engagement upon which our nation was founded.

Once again, congratulations on 24 years of excellence. May this year's banquet be a wonderful event.

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Keith Ellison Member of Congress



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Anna G. Eshoo Eighteenth District California

August 27, 2018

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Dear Friends,

l wish you all my best as you gather for the Council on American-Islamic Relations' (CAIR) 24th Annual Banquet "Faith Led, Justice Driven."

l applaud CAIR for your critical work to end hate directed at the American Muslim community, your defense of civil liberties, and your work to promote civic participation.

I'm proud to represent members of the San Francisco Bay Area Chapter of CAIR and you have my gratitude for your decades of tireless advocacy and community service.

Sincerely,

Anna G. Eshoo Member of Congress ELIZABETH H ESTY 5TH DISTRICT, CONNECTICUT

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Dear Friends,

Congratulations to the Council on American-Islamic Relations as you celebrate 24 years of service to our community at the 2018 Celebratory Banquet.

I applaud the Council for bringing together community leaders, scholars and activists to celebrate CAIR's work on defending the rights and civil liberties of Americans. The Council's work is much appreciated and has been felt by all across the nation.

At a time when we are seeing too much division and fear, your efforts are more important than ever to stand up for our shared values.

I wish all of you the best of luck in your mission at CAIR and may your 2018 Celebratory Banquet be a wonderful time for all in attendance.

Sincerely,

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Member of Congress



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Dear Friends,

It is with great pleasure that I congratulate the Council on American-Islamic Relations (CAIR) for 24 years of excellence and community service as you host your 2018 Celebratory Banquet with the theme "*Faith Led, Justice Driven.*"

I applaud the council for continuing this great tradition of bringing together community leaders, scholars and activists to celebrate CAIR's work defending civil liberties. The council's work across the nation is much appreciated. CAIR's legal work to uphold and defend the constitutional and civil rights of American Muslims, ensures that the rights of all Americans remain well protected.

I also want to thank CAIR for giving the American Muslim community an authentic voice in the community. I commend CAIR for its voter registration and non-partisan get-out-the-vote activities, which support the very principles of civic engagement on which our nation was founded.

Once again, best wishes. May this year's banquet be a wonderful experience for every person in attendance.

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Dwight Evans Member of Congress



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October 20, 2018

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Dear Friends:

I congratulate the Council on American-Islamic Relations (CAIR) on 24 years of excellence and community service as you host your 24th Anniversary Celebratory Banquet, "Faith Led, Justice Driven." It is a pleasure to acknowledge the Council's diligent efforts in bringing together community leaders, scholars and activists to defend civil liberties.

CAIR has challenged the rising Islamophobic rhetoric, mobilized the Muslim community in voter registration and stood firm against the unprecedented spike in anti-Muslim hate incidents occurring nationwide. The Council's work in Ohio's Eleventh Congressional District and across the nation is sincerely appreciated.

Our democracy requires the active participation of every citizen. I commend CAIR in their effort to support the principals of civic engagement on which the United States of America was founded. By protecting and defending the constitutional rights of American Muslims, CAIR supports the rights of all Americans and helps make democracy work for everyone.

Best Wishes for a successful banquet!

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Marcia L. Fudge Member of Congress



Commendation

In Recognition of

The Council on American-Islamic Relations

~ October 20, 2018 ~

It is with great pleasure that I congratulate the Council on American-Islamic Relations for another year of exemplary service. As you host your 24th annual banquet, "Faith Led, Justice Driven" I applaud the Council for their continued efforts to unite activists, community leaders and scholars in defense of our civil liberties. Across the nation and in the Third Congressional District of California, the Council's work is making great strides toward creating a more perfect Union.

Inclusive dialogue is critical to the work of upholding our democratic ideals, so it is gratifying to see the constituents I represent working actively on this mission. As a firm believer in civil rights, I salute the Council for empowering American Muslims to participate locally and nationally in political and social activism. By protecting and defending the constitutional rights of American Muslims, you support the rights of all Americans. It is my greatest hope that the Council on American-Islamic Relations continues to prosper and grow in the years ahead.

The Council on American-Islamic Relations' "Faith Led, Justice Driven" banquet is sure to be a wonderful celebration of the diversity of ideas throughout our Nation. On behalf of the Third Congressional District of California, please accept my gratitude for the good you have done, and continue to do, in our community and my best wishes for continued success in all of your future endeavors.

Member of Congress 3rd District, California

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Dear Friends:

I am honored to congratulate the Council on American-Islamic Relations (CAIR) for their 24 years of dedicated leadership and advocacy for justice and civil rights as you host your 2018 Celebratory Banquet with the theme "Faith Led, Justice Driven."

It is always inspiring to see the strength and courage of organizations like CAIR, who work diligently to bring together communities and provide education on Islam and Muslims. I commend the Council for all your work in defending civil liberties, which I know is much appreciated in Houston and across the nation.

CAIR's legal work to protect the constitutional and civil rights of American Muslims ensures that all Americans can truly experience their constitutional and civil rights, whether that is practicing their religion or living free from discrimination. When we fight for one American's rights, we fight for all our rights, and I commend CAIR for your hard work in supporting equal rights for all people.

As the United States continues to grow and diversify, CAIR's advocacy and educational resources play a pivotal role in moving our nation forward. Your efforts through public campaigns and grassroots activism help dismantle discrimination and hate from communities across our country.

Thank you for all your diligence in research, voter outreach, and education for and about the American Muslim Community. Your advocacy for this community helps create a better world for all of us in the United States, and I look forward to your continued success in the future.

Sincerely

Member of Congress

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Dear Friends,

It is with great pleasure that I congratulate the Council on American-Islamic Relations (CAIR) for 24 years of excellence and community service as you host your 2018 Celebratory Banquet, themed "Faith Led, Justice Driven."

I applaud CAIR for continuing this great tradition of bringing together community leaders, scholars and activists to celebrate CAIR's work defending civil liberties. The council has proudly served in the state of Arizona since 2001, and its work has bolstered our nation's democracy.

In this country, we often take for granted our ability to implement our First Amendment rights without fear of persecution. I believe that because of unity, and resistance, CAIR has become a living testament of justice and empowerment of communities. Through their legal work of upholding and defending constitutional and civil rights of American Muslims, all Americans' rights remain well protected.

Our democracy requires the active participation of informed citizens. I commend CAIR for its voter registration and non-partisan get-out-the-vote activities, which support the very principles of civic engagement on which our nation was founded.

CAIR's work is essential in making democracy work for everyone.

Once again, I commend you. May the 2018 banquet be a wonderful experience for every person in attendance.

Sincerely, al M Lijabu

Raúl M. Grijalva Member of Congress



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ALCEE L. HASTINGS MEMBER OF CONGRESS

October 20, 2018

Dear Friends:

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Member of Congress

As you host this year's Celebratory Banquet with the theme "Faith Led, Justice Driven", it is my pleasure to congratulate the Council on American-Islamic Relations (CAIR) for 24 years of advocating for justice and mutual understanding throughout our communities.

I remain deeply impressed by CAIR's continuous efforts to gather community leaders, scholars, and activists to not only celebrate CAIR's important work defending civil liberties, but to take the time to reflect on the work yet to be completed. CAIR's diligent work across the country is as appreciated as it is important.

CAIR's legal work in upholding and defending the constitutional and civil rights of American Muslims, ensures that all Americans remain well protected and safe while also strengthening our constitution and commitment to the rule of law. A great example of this work is CAIR's recent effort, through public campaigns and partnerships with other organizations, to expose and dismantle the Islamophobia Network.

Our democracy requires the active participation of informed citizens. In this regard, I commend CAIR for its voter registration and get-out-the-vote activities. Such efforts support the very principles of civic engagement on which our nation was founded.

Once again, please accept my sincere congratulations on this momentous occasion.



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ELEANOR HOLMES NORTON DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA



October 20, 2018

GREETINGS!

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CAIR's efforts to dismantle Islamophobia, mobilize the American Muslim community, unite with others against all types of hate, and encourage civic engagement have played an instrumental role in helping move America forward.

I also want to thank CAIR for giving the American Muslim community an authentic voice in the public square.

Our democracy requires the active participation of informed citizens. I commend CAIR for its efforts to support the principles of civic engagement on which our nation was founded.

By protecting and defending the constitutional rights of American Muslims, CAIR supports the rights of all Americans. CAIR's work is essential in making democracy work for everyone.

Once again, best of luck. May this year's banquet be a wonderful experience for every person in attendance.

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JARED HUFFMAN

MEMBER OF CONGRESS 2ND DISTRICT, CALIFORNIA

October 20, 2018

Council on American-Islamic Relations National Office 453 New Jersey Ave, S.E. Washington, DC 20003

Dear Friends:

I write today to congratulate the Council on American-Islamic Relations (CAIR) on their 24th anniversary and celebration banquet, "Faith Led, Justice Driven."

On this special occasion, I want to commend CAIR for the important work they are doing on behalf of the Muslim-American communities in the Bay Area. CAIR's work over the last 24 years is a testament to how bringing communities together to defend our most basic civil liberties is one of our most important and effective tools in inspiring change and protecting freedoms.

Congratulations on 24 years of excellence and enjoy the celebratory banquet.

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Sincerely,

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October 20, 2018

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CAIR's public campaigns to expose and dismantle the Islamophobia Network and partnership with other communities to push back hate plays an instrumental role in helping move America forward.

I also want to thank CAIR for giving the American Muslim community an authentic voice in the public square. Our democracy requires the active participation of informed citizens. I commend CAIR for its voter registration and non-partisan get-out-the-vote activities, which support the bedrock principle of civic engagement upon which our nation was founded.

CAIR's work helps make American democracy work for everyone. May this year's banquet be a wonderful experience for every person in attendance.

Very truly yours,

Sheila Jackson Lee MEMBER OF CONGRESS

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Once again, best of luck. May this year's banquet be a wonderful experience for every person in attendance.

Sincerely, Eddie Bernice Johnson Member of Congress



Eddie Bernice Johnson

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9TH DISTRICT, OHIO

September 7, 2018

Council on American-Islamic Relations National Office 453 New Jersey Ave, S.E. Washington, DC 20003

Dear Friends,

It is my honor to congratulate the Council on American-Islamic Relations (CAIR) on two decades of community service as you host your 24th Anniversary Celebratory Banquet, themed: "Faith Led, Justice Driven." I commend the Council for its continued commitment to bringing together community leaders, scholars, and activists to celebrate CAIR's work in protecting civil rights, promoting justice, and empowering American Muslims in Ohio and across the nation.

I salute CAIR for its unwavering dedication and success in fulfilling its vision to be a leading advocate for justice and mutual understanding. CAIR's work to protect and defend the constitutional rights of American Muslims ensures that the rights of all Americans remain safeguarded. Indeed, Muslim Americans play an instrumental role in bringing our country forward—culturally, economically, politically, and in so many other fields.

The Council's dedicated work to expose and dismantle Islamophobia as well as hate in all forms has played a key role in strengthening America's values and civil rights protections enshrined in our Constitution. Grassroots mobilization efforts to encourage political and social activism has given the American Muslim community an authentic voice in the public sphere. Through active participation, CAIR has supported the principles of civic engagement on which the United States of America was founded.

That is why I would like to express my gratitude to CAIR, and all of those in attendance, for another year of leadership and advocacy. Today, we celebrate the strides CAIR has made, and tomorrow, may we continue working together to carry out its valiant mission.

With Abiding Friendship,

MARCY KAPTUR

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CONGRESSMAN JOSEPH P. KENNEDY III 4TH DISTRICT, MASSACHUSETTS

September 12, 2018

Council on American-Islamic Relations 453 New Jersey Avenue, SE Washington, DC 20003

Dear Friends,

It is an honor to write to you all and congratulate the Council on American-Islamic Relations on twenty four years of excellence promoting religious tolerance in our communities as you host the 2018 CAIR Celebratory Banquet.

As our country faces new threats to civil rights, it is crucial that active participation in our democracy be protected and allowed to prosper. CAIR's efforts to provide American Muslims a voice in the public square and encourage civic engagement are vital as we work to unite against all forms of hate.

I hope this year's banquet is a wonderful celebration and please know that the Fourth District is grateful for your hard work and dedication to protecting the constitutional rights of all Americans.

Joseph P. Kennedy, III Member of Congress

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Dear Friends,

Congratulations to the Council of American-Islamic Relations for 24 years of service to this country, fostering open dialogue, and working for harmony between Islamic and American communities. I would like to thank you for your invitation to CAIR's 2018 Celebratory Banquet with the theme "Faith, Led, Justice Driven." The work that CAIR contributes to the advocacy of Muslim people is critically important, especially in our current political climate. Thank you for always being a fervent defender of civil rights and liberties for persecuted communities.

As the discourse against immigrants has grown hostile and violent, I would like to especially thank CAIR for their work opposing the administration's travel ban. American as we know would not exist without the hard work and sacrifice of immigrants. We must continue to promote American ideals of inclusion and unity. I am proud to stand alongside CAIR in the defense of these values.

On behalf on California's 17th Congressional District, I would like to congratulate CAIR on 24 years and for hosting the Celebratory Banquet. I extend my best wishes for the future of CAIR and its mission of peace.

Sincerely,

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Ro Khanna Member of Congress

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Dear Friends,

It is with great pleasure that I congratulate the Council on American-Islamic Relations (CAIR) on 24 years of service and advocacy on behalf of Muslim communities across the country. As you come together for your 2018 Celebratory Banquet, you should be encouraged by its theme of "*Faith Led, Justice Driven*." Our nation faces many challenges. And as the unhelpful, and sometimes hateful, rhetoric in our country unfortunately gets louder, your work to ensure the voices of American Muslims are heard is more important than ever. This evening is an opportunity to both celebrate the culture we share and renew our commitment to social justice. By promoting and preserving the civil liberties of all people, we reaffirm that our nation was founded on the principle that our diversity is a profound strength, not a weakness.

Thus, I applaud CAIR for serving the people of Michigan since 1999. CAIR's work to uphold and defend the rights of American Muslims, and many others, has played an instrumental role in moving America forward. Our democracy requires the active participation of informed citizens and I applaud CAIR for empowering our citizens and giving them an authentic voice in the public square.

Finally, as you come together to reflect on the last 24 years of meaningful work, it is my sincere wish that you know your faith and continued service in communities like my own is an example to Americans everywhere. I trust that you will continue your work knowing it will result in a stronger America for all people.

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Dear Friends,

It is a great pleasure to congratulate the Chicago Chapter of the Council on American-Islamic Relations (CAIR-Chicago) on the occasion of its 14th Annual Banquet. Since 2005, CAIR-Chicago has served not only as an influential civil rights and advocacy group but also as an important resource for the local community.

CAIR-Chicago's Civil Rights Department helps ensure the constitutional rights of all Americans. CAIR-Chicago defends civil rights by advocating against discrimination and providing legal representation for Muslim-Americans. It empowers citizens by holding voter registration drives and community workshops on political activism, counters media bias by keeping editors and producers accountable, and works with other communities and organizations to promote solidarity. Through its efforts, CAIR-Chicago has consistently shown its commitment to defending the rights of Muslim-Americans.

Thank you for all that you do. I hope for the great success of your 14th Annual Banquet.

Warmest regards,

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Dear Friends of Council on American-Islamic Relations,



I am honored to extend my support to the Council on American-Islamic Relations (CAIR) on celebrating your 24th annual banquet "*Faith Led, Justice Driven.*" Thank you for continuously serving the community across the nation.

CAIR is a nonprofit advocacy group proudly dedicated to promoting and defending justice and civil rights for American Muslims. Your important work focusing on providing grassroots activism and support to the community will have an impact for years to come. By ensuring that the civil rights of American Muslims are protected, you ensure that the rights of all Americans remain protected. Our democracy requires the active participation of informed citizens and I commend CAIR for its efforts to support the principles of civic engagement on which the United States of America was founded.

Once again, as the Member of Congress representing Michigan's 14th Congressional District, which includes a significant American Muslim population, I am pleased to greet everyone in attendance and offer my best wishes for an enjoyable afternoon.

Warm Regards,

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Dear Friends,

It is with great honor that I congratulate the Council on American-Islamic Relations (CAIR) for 24 years of excellence and community service as you host your 2018 Celebratory Banquet.

Your theme "Faith Led, Justice Driven" could not be a more fitting way to express CAIR's mission. I commend the council for continuing to host community leaders, scholars, and activists to honor CAIR's work defending civil liberties. The council's work in Florida and across the nation is much needed.

Your work is so important in order to expand understanding of Islam, encourage dialogue, protect civil liberties, empower American Muslims, and build coalitions to promote justice and mutual understanding. CAIR's efforts to uphold unity throughout the community and encourage civic engagement plays a significant role in guiding America forward.

CAIR gives a voice to American Muslims within their communities. I commend you on all of your hand work to promote democracy and constitutional rights for all.

I wish all of you the best of luck with your banquet and in all your future endeavors.

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Dear Friends,

It is with great pleasure that I congratulate the Council on American-Islamic Relations (CAIR) for 24 years of excellence as you host your 2018 Celebratory Banquet.

For more than twenty-four years, CAIR has tirelessly defended civil liberties and the rights of American Muslims. As a powerful voice for American Muslims, the council's work has been essential in challenging bigotry and promoting mutual understanding between people of all racial, ethnic and religious backgrounds. I commend CAIR's tradition of bringing together community leaders, scholars and activists to celebrate equality, religious freedoms and justice.

The Council's continued work in dismantling islamophobia and all types of hate play an instrumental role in moving America forward. At a time when hateful rhetoric attempts to divide us, CAIR continues to engage in work that strengthens our democracy and builds a better future for all Americans. I applaud CAIR for its voter registration, which supports the very principles of civic engagement on which our nation was founded.

This year's theme "Faith Led, Justice Driven" reflects the Council's unwavering commitment to making our democracy work for everyone. As the Representative for California's 13th Congressional District and a longtime advocate for civil rights for all, I congratulate CAIR's contributions to peace and mutual understanding in Bay Area communities and across our nation.

To the CAIR members, staff, and attendees, thank you for your continued dedication to justice, equality, and excellence.

Warm regards,

Barbara Lee Member of Congress



JOHN LEWIS

September 6, 2018

Council on American-Islamic Relations 453 New Jersey Ave, S.E. Washington, D.C. 20003

Dear Friends,

I congratulate the Council on American-Islamic Relations on hosting its 24th Anniversary Banquet with the theme "*Faith Led*, *Justice Driven*." The council's work on behalf of the Muslim community in Georgia and across the nation is much appreciated.

I applaud the council for working to bring together community leaders, scholars and activists to celebrate CAIR's work defending civil liberties. Our democracy requires the active participation of informed citizens, and I commend CAIR for its efforts to support civic engagement on which our nation was founded.

I hope that this year's banquet will be a wonderful experience for every person in attendance.

Keep the faith,

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Dear Friends,

I would like to give my sincere congratulations to the Council on A Islamic Relations (CAIR) for 24 years of distinction and their conti drive for justice in our nation.

Congratulations to the council for continuing your relentless efforts protect civil rights and freedoms. CAIR's efforts to defend the civil of the American Muslim community certifies that the rights of all Americans will not be infringed.

Our democracy is better when our citizens are actively involved in process. CAIR's work, including the recent emphasis on voter regis makes our nation and democracy stronger for all Americans.

Thank you all again for the work that you have done, and I wish yo enjoyable evening.

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Dear Friends:

It is my pleasure to congratulate the Council on American-Islamic Relations (CAIR) as you celebrate your 24th Anniversary Banquet: "Faith Led, Justice Driven." The banquet is an opportunity to assemble community leaders, scholars and stakeholders to celebrate CAIR's achievements and discuss how to keep moving forward.

Since its founding in 1994, it has been my pleasure to partner with CAIR members in Santa Clara County to work towards common goals of combatting discrimination. I remain committed to working in Congress to defend the basic rights guaranteed by our Constitution.

Thank you for your continued efforts to support the American values that make our nation stronger. Congratulations again on your anniversary.

Zoe Lofgren Member of Congress



Dear Friends,

It is with great pleasure that I congratulate the Council on American-Islamic Relations (CAIR) for 24 years of excellence and community service as you host your 2018 Celebratory Banquet with the theme "Faith Led, Justice Driven."

I applaud this great tradition of bringing together community leaders, scholars and activists to celebrate CAIR's work defending civil liberties. CAIR's work in California and across the nation is much appreciated.

CAIR's efforts to dismantle Islamophobic rhetoric, mobilize the American Muslim community, unite with others against all types of hate, and encourage civic engagement have played an instrumental role in helping move America forward.

I also want to thank CAIR for giving the American Muslim community an authentic voice in the public square.

The foundation of our democracy has always been the active participation of informed citizens. I commend CAIR for its efforts to support the principles of civic engagement on which our nation was founded.

By protecting and defending the constitutional rights of American Muslims, CAIR supports the rights of all Americans. CAIR's work is essential in making democracy work for everyone.

Once again, best of luck. May this year's banquet be a wonderful experience for every person in attendance.

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Dear Friends:

I wish to extend my congratulations to the Council on American-Islamic Relations (CAIR) as you host your 24th Annual Banquet: *Faith Led, Justice Driven.* The Council has excelled in another year of service uniting community leaders, activists, and scholars in its tireless work to defend civil liberties.

As a firm believer in civil rights, I applaud the Council for empowering American Muslims to participate locally and nationally in political and social activism. By protecting and defending the constitutional rights of American Muslims, you support the rights of all Americans and uphold the fundamental principles on which our nation was founded.

Thank you for affording me the opportunity to extend my greetings to the attendees of this year's banquet. Please accept my best wishes for this inspiring event and my sincerest congratulations to the Council for their 24 years of exemplary service.

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Council on American-Islamic Relations National Office 453 New Jersey Ave, S.E. Washington, D.C. 20003

Dear Friends:

One of Minnesota's strengths is its diversity and openness for all Americans. I am very proud to represent a vibrant Muslim community that is an indispensable part of the fabric of our state. The work that CAIR does representing their interests at home and around the country is vital.

We live in troubled times of unprecedented anti-Islamic intolerance and bigotry. This makes your work more important than ever. Thank you for your commitment to keeping America a beacon of opportunity and tolerance for everyone. CAIR's tireless efforts to promote social justice and protect civil liberties are both inspirational and indispensable.

Congratulations on your 24th Anniversary Banquet! I wish you all the best and much success in the coming year.

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Betty McCollum Member of Congress



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October 20, 2018

Council on American-Islamic Relations National Office 453 New Jersey Avenue, S.E. Washington, D.C. 20003

Dear Friends:

It is with great pleasure that I congratulate the Council on American-Islamic Relations (CAIR) for 24 years of service to our communities. This year's banquet theme, "Faith Led, Justice Driven" is an excellent summary of CAIR's tradition of joining academic and community leaders to build coalitions that promote justice and mutual understanding.

America's diversity is a cause for celebration, as are the Council's efforts at ensuring equal opportunities and representation for everyone. CAIR's efforts to mobilize the American Muslim community, advocate for civil rights, unite with others against all types of hate, and encourage civic engagement have played an instrumental role in helping move America forward.

Congratulations to the Council on American-Islamic Relations. I wish everyone at tonight's banquet the best for this year, and the years to come.

Sincerely,

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Dear Friends,

I am honored to extend my warmest greetings to all those gathered at the 24th Annual Banquet of the Council on American-Islamic Relations.

For over two decades, the Council on American-Islamic Relations (CAIR) has fought to secure and advance the civil rights of millions of American Muslims. CAIR's tireless efforts to promote justice and mutual understanding for all have included advocacy campaigns against offensive media, legal battles in discrimination cases, and advocacy regarding legislation that directly affects Muslims in the United States. CAIR is also a leader in education, distributing materials to libraries and individuals on the Quran, Muhammad and the history of Islam to improve mutual understanding across our country. CAIR is wholeheartedly committed to protecting religious freedom, freedom of expression, and due process and equality, as illustrated by the organization's core principles.

I am honored to congratulate the Council on American-Islamic Relations on twenty-four years of dedication to securing religious freedom and civil rights for American Muslims in our country. I commend CAIR for its unwavering commitment to advocacy, education and outreach in order to address prejudice and to improve the lives of Muslims throughout our country.

Please accept my best wishes for a wonderful banquet and much continued success!

Sincerely,

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September 12, 2018

Dear Friends,

As you host your 2018 "Faith Led, Justice Driven" Celebratory Banquet, I want to sincerely applaud the Council on American-Islamic Relations (CAIR) on 24 years of service and excellence.

The advocacy work CAIR does is essential for protecting the constitutional and civil rights of American Muslims. Our nation can only thrive if the rights of every American are ensured, and the legal work you do is invaluable in pursuing that goal.

Civic engagement is another essential part of American democracy, and I want to thank you for the work CAIR has done with voter registration and non-partisan get-out-the-vote activities. Democracy should include and work for everyone, and your efforts are crucial in ensuring that it does.

Perhaps most importantly, I want to emphasize how much the nation benefits CAIR's commitment in giving American Muslims a voice in the public sphere, as well as fighting against hate in our communities. Your public campaigns against the Islamaphobia Network and partnerships with other communities that also face discrimination and animosity are imperative for justice and mutual understanding in the United States. You should know how much these endeavors are appreciated, not just by American Muslims, but by all Americans who seek to see progress and equality in our nation.

Again, it is truly my pleasure to congratulate you on your great tradition of facilitating dialogue, promoting justice, and empowering American Muslims. I wish you the best of luck going forward, and hope that everyone in attendance at this year's banquet enjoys your well-deserved celebration.

Best,

SETH MOULTON Member of Congress

U.S. Congresswoman Stephanie Murphy Florida's Seventh District October 20, 2018

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Dear Friends,

As you host your 2018 Celebratory Banquet, I write to congratulate the Council on American-Islamic Relations (CAIR) for 24 years of working to promote cultural and religious understanding.

I also write to commend your devotion to community service through your center in Orlando, which I know works diligently to promote greater understanding of Islam, mobilizes our American Muslim community, and unites with others against all types of hate. Our democracy requires the active participation of informed citizens, so I applaud CAIR's efforts to support the principles of civic engagement on which our nation was founded. I hope you appreciate this small token as an acknowledgement of my sincere appreciation for your service to make central Florida a safer, more inclusive, and more prosperous community for everyone.

Once again, I thank you for your commitment to serving our community, and I commend your organization's milestone anniversary. If I can ever be of any assistance, please do not hesitate to contact my office or me. I wish you all the best in your organization's future endeavors.

Stephanie Murphy Member of Congress

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Dear Friends,

It is a great pleasure to extend my warmest regards to everyone gathered at the 2018 Celebratory Banquet, "Faith Led, Justice Driven" hosted by the Council on American-Islamic Relations (CAIR).

Today we celebrate the 24th Anniversary of CAIR and acknowledge the organization's mission to defend civil rights, enhance the understanding of Islam, protect civil rights, promote justice, and empower American Muslims. We appreciate your efforts to protect constitutional and civil rights throughout the United States of America. Thank you for your assurance and dedication to the organization's mission.

As you gather, it is my hope for everyone to enjoy a memorable time honoring the Council on American-Islamic Relations at the 2018 Celebratory Banquet, "Faith Led, Justice Driven." I wish you all the very best.

Donald Norcross Member of Congress First District of New Jersey

RANKING MEMBER COMMITTEE ON ENERGY AND COMMERCE FRANK PALLONE, JR. 6TH DISTRICT, NEW JERSEY

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Dear Friends:

I write to congratulate the Council on American-Islamic Relations (CAIR) for the incredible work and community service you have provided over the last 24 years as you host your 2018 Celebratory Banquet with the theme "Faith Led, Justice Driven" on October 20th. I commend the Council for continuing its great tradition of bringing together community leaders, scholars, and activists to celebrate and defend civil liberties. The Council's work in New Jersey and across the nation is deeply appreciated.

CAIR has continually played a role in fighting Islamophobia through civically engaging and mobilizing the American Muslim community and others against all types of hate. Only by working together in this manner will we continue to move America forward.

I have had the pleasure of meeting with CAIR and its membership on several occasions in New Jersey and in Washington. On several occasions throughout this year, members of CAIR have joined me and other groups in New Jersey to speak out against hateful rhetoric and divisive tactics being employed by those in our country looking to sow distrust. I want to thank CAIR for giving our Muslim neighbors, friends, and family an opportunity to share their voice throughout the country. Our democracy requires the active participation of its citizens and I applaud your organization for its efforts to support these principles.

By protecting and defending the constitutional rights of American Muslims, CAIR's work is vital in supporting the rights of all Americans and making democracy work for everyone. I congratulate you once again and hope that this year's banquet is a wonderful experience for all who attend.

Sincerely,

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Dear Friends:

It is with great pleasure that I congratulate the Council on American-Islamic Relations (CAIR) for 24 years of excellence and community service as you host your 2018 Celebratory Banquet with the theme "Faith Led, Justice Driven."

My hometown of Paterson, New Jersey, is the home to a growing Muslim-American community. I have seen firsthand how Muslim Americans contribute to the vibrant culture and heritage of our United States. I am proud of the relationship I have built with the Muslim community in Northern New Jersey during my career in public service and will continue to work to represent the interests of that community in the United States Congress.

l again send my greetings to all those who are participating in CAIR's national banquet. Best wishes for many years of continued success.

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Bill Pascrell, Jr. Member of Congress

DONALD M. PAYNE, JR. 10TH DISTRICT, NEW JERSEY

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Dear Friends,

I am honored to congratulate the Council on American-Islamic Relations (CAIR) for twenty-four years of excellence and community service as you host your 2018 Celebratory Banquet with the theme "*Faith Led, Justice Driven*." I applaud CAIR for continuing this great tradition of bringing together community leaders, scholars, and activists to celebrate the organization's work defending civil liberties. CAIR's work in New Jersey and across the nation is valued and appreciated.

CAIR's efforts have been instrumental over the past year challenging Islamophobic rhetoric in the 2016 election cycle, mobilizing the Muslim community to register to vote, and standing firm against the unprecedented spike in anti-Muslim hate incidents occurring nationwide.

As a strong supporter of civil rights, I salute CAIR for empowering American Muslims nationwide in political and social activism for more than two decades. I also want to thank CAIR for giving the American Muslim community an authentic voice in the public square. Our democracy requires the active participation of informed citizens and I commend CAIR for its work to support the principles of civic engagement on which the United States of America was founded.

By protecting and defending the constitutional rights of American Muslims, CAIR supports the rights of all Americans. CAIR's work truly is essential in making democracy work for everyone.

Once again, congratulations. Best wishes for a positive and entertaining experience for all who attend.

Sincerely,

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Member of Congress

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September 10, 2018

Dear Friends,

I would like to congratulate the Council on American-Islamic Relations (CAIR) for its 24 years of community service as the 2018 Annual Banquet begins.

I applaud CAIR's commitment to defending civil liberties and commend the Council for once again bringing together community leaders, scholars, and activists to celebrate CAIR's important advocacy efforts. CAIR's work to combat Islamophobia serves as a model to all who seek to defend individuals' civil rights. The Council's mission of fighting hatred through civic engagement, community partnerships, and education epitomizes our country's values.

Democracy cannot flourish without the participation of its citizens, and I applaud CAIR's commitment to justice and mutual understanding for all people in our country, regardless of race or religion. Once again, I wish you the best of luck for this year's banquet. I look forward to continuing to support the Council's important work.

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October 20, 2018

Dear Council on American-Islamic Relations:

I am delighted to offer greetings to you all as you celebrate the 24th anniversary of the Council of American-Islamic Relation's (CAIR) founding in 1984, culminating with your annual 2018 Celebratory Banquet. I'm excited to bring my words of support during this great tradition of bringing together community leaders, scholars, and activists to celebrate CAIR's work defending civil liberties.

The Council on American-Islamic Relations has worked tirelessly to uphold and defend the constitutional and civil rights of Muslim-Americans, helping ensure that the rights of all Americans remain well protected. Our democracy requires the active participation of informed citizens, and I commend CAIR for its voter registration and non-partisan voter participation activities, which support the very principles of civic engagement on which our nation was founded.

I wish you the best success on your 24th anniversary celebration of this important organization. I hope you will enjoy your time together and depart feeling inspired.

Sincerely,

David Price Member of Congress



MIKE QUIGLEY UNITED STATES CONGRESS

October 20, 2018

Council on American-Islamic Relations National Office 453 New Jersey Ave., S.E. Washington, DC 20003

Dear Friends,

I am pleased to congratulate the Council on American-Islamic Relations (CAIR) for 24 years of excellence and service as you host your 2018 Celebratory Banquet "*Faith Led, Justice Driven*."

CAIR's work every day in defense of civil liberties is crucial in combatting prejudice and upholding the foundational ideals of our nation. It is important to acknowledge CAIR's sustained position as a bulwark against those who seek to undermine the notion that America is at its best when acceptance overcomes fear and hate.

CAIR's education efforts continue to unite individuals across America against Islamophobia. I believe that, regardless of background, there is so much more that binds us together than pulls us apart. In that spirit, CAIR's important work to give the American Muslim community an authentic voice should be recognized, especially tonight.

Once again, congratulations. May this year's banquet be a wonderful experience for everyone in attendance.

Sincerely, Mike Quigty

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Dear Friends,

Greetings to all the members and guests of the Council on American-Islamic Relations (CAIR) gathered here for tonight's celebratory banquet, "Faith Led, Justice Driven." I applaud the Council for continuing this wonderful tradition of bringing together community leaders, scholars and activists to reaffirm a shared commitment to justice, civil liberties and the common good.

For more than 24 years, CAIR has distinguished itself by empowering American Muslims, promoting civic engagement through get-out-the-vote activities, enhancing public understanding of Islam, forging Interfaith coalitions to promote mutual understanding, and safeguarding civil liberties. At this moment in history, CAIR's legal work to defend the constitutional and civil rights of American Muslims, as well as its courageous public campaigns to fight Islamophobia and resurgent racism, will continue to play an instrumental role in protecting strong democracy. I stand with you in defending and upholding the principles of constitutional democracy, social pluralism and toleration.

Once again, thank you for your steadfast dedication to justice and civil liberties. Please enjoy what is sure to be a wonderful banquet.

Very truly yours,

Jamie Raskin Member of Congress

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October 20, 2018

Dear Friends,

It is my honor to congratulate the Council on American-Islamic Relations (CAIR) for its 24 years of civil rights advocacy and community service.

The Council has long been a powerful advocate for justice and civil liberties. By bringing together community leaders, scholars, and activists, CAIR has held our government accountable to our nation's core values. The tenets that form CAIR's mission echo the essential principles of our Constitution: from respect for freedom of religion to civil rights and freedom of expression.

CAIR is also a crucial public voice for the American Muslim community. While we have made progress in our advocacy for civil rights, prejudice and bigotry remain as significant obstacles in the fight against intolerance. By standing up for constitutional and civil rights, you have helped give the American Muslim community an authentic voice in the public square.

Through legal initiatives, civil rights education, and reporting resources, your work has helped strengthen our criminal justice system and our democracy. I commend CAIR for its voter registration and non-partisan get-out-the-vote activities, which support the very principles of civic engagement on which our nation was founded.

I hope this year's banquet serves as a celebration of your hard work and advocacy for justice. Thank you for you service not only to my constituents, but American Muslims across the country.



Raul Ruiz, M.D. Member of Congress





C.A. DUTCH RUPPERSBERGER 2ND DISTRICT, MARYLAND MEMBER OF CONGRESS

October 20, 2018

Council on American-Islamic Relations National Office 453 New Jersey Ave, SE Washington, District of Columbia 20003

Dear Friends:

It is with distinct pleasure that I extend my sincerest congratulations to the Council on American-Islamic Relations (CAIR) on twenty-four years of excellence and community service as you host your 24th Anniversary Celebratory Banquet: "Faith Led, Justice Driven."

I applaud the Council's continued work to enhance the image of Muslims in America by actively bringing together community leaders, scholars and advocates to defend civil liberties. The Council's efforts in the State of Maryland and across the nation continue to be exceptional.

As a strong advocate for civil rights, I commend CAIR for striving to uphold the constitutional and civil rights of American Muslims. The work that CAIR performs is vital to enhance strong intercultural relations throughout the United States— a quality that is essential for a successful nation in a world that is becoming increasingly interconnected. Building bridges between cultures and people gives everyone the best chance for working together to create a better world.

I extend my best wishes for CAIR's continued success as you celebrate this memorable occasion.

Sincerely, C.A. Dutch Ruppensbergen

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Council on American-Islamic Relations National Office 453 New Jersey Avenue SE Washington, DC 20003

Dear Friends:

I would like to congratulate the Council on American-Islamic Relations (CAIR) on 24 years of excellence and esteemed service. I applaud you for continuing this rich tradition of bringing community leaders, scholars, and activists together to celebrate CAIR's longstanding commitment to protecting civil liberties, empowering American Muslims, and building coalitions to promote justice and mutual understanding. The work you do in the state of Ohio and across this nation is so important and much appreciated.

The theme of this year's event, "Faith Led, Justice Driven," is a testament to CAIR's mission to live and lead by example. CAIR has been instrumental in defending religious freedom, strengthening the bonds of friendship between American Muslims and communities, and ensuring the United States remains a place of refuge for those fleeing violence and persecution. Your patriotic love of country is what drives CAIR to hold our nation accountable to its founding principles and ideals. We are all better for it.

As a firm supporter of civil rights, I salute you for empowering American Muslims to engage in social and political activism at the local, state, and national levels. Our democracy requires the active participation of informed citizens. I commend CAIR for its work advocating on behalf of the principles on which our nation was founded. By defending the constitutional rights of American Muslims, you defend those rights for all Americans. Your work makes our democracy work better for everyone.

Once again, congratulations on this momentous milestone and for your many years of tireless effort. I hope this year's anniversary banquet is a wonderful experience for every person in attendance.

Sincerely,

Tim Ryan Member of Congress

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Congress of the United States House of Representatives Washington, DC 20515

September 12, 2018

Council on American-Islamic Relations National Office 453 New Jersey Ave, S.E. Washington, D.C. 20003

Dear Friends,

It is with great pleasure that I congratulate the Council on American-Islamic Relations (CAIR) on 24 years of promoting mutual understanding between the American Muslim community and our nation at large. I applaud the council for continuing this great tradition as you celebrate the theme of this year's Annual Banquet: "Faith Led, Justice Driven."

The recent assaults on the American values of multiculturalism and religious freedom from the highest levels of government emphasize the importance of CAIR's work. I appreciate your work to combat all types of hate and build positive relationships in the 38th Congressional District of California. As a Member of Congress, I also commend CAIR's efforts to engage the community and support for the principles of civic engagement on which our nation was founded.

CAIR's tireless work to uphold and defend constitutional and civil rights not only protects American Muslims, but the rights of all Americans. In this pivotal moment for our democracy, we cannot afford to take our civil liberties for granted. Your work is essential to ensuring our democracy works for everyone.

I wish you the best of luck as you celebrate another year of hard work, and I hope this year's banquet is memorable for everyone in attendance.

Sincerely,

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October 28, 2018

Council on American-Islamic Relations (CAIR) 24th Annual Banquet

Dear Friends:

It is a pleasure to extend warm greetings to all of those gathered for the Council on American-Islamic Relations (CAIR) 24th Annual Banquet. It is an honor to welcome this year's distinguished guests.

The noble work performed by the CAIR is truly inspiring and humbling. Today's banquet celebrates CAIR's efforts to engage community leaders, scholars and activists to defend civil liberties both at home and across the nation – advocacy needed today more than ever.

In closing, I would like to commend CAIR for their commitment to serving those in Maryland. Please accept my best wishes for a memorable event and continued success in all of your future endeavors.



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Dear Friends:

I would like to extend my best regards as you gather for the Council on American-Islamic Relations' (CAIR) Twenty-Fourth Anniversary Banquet, "Faith Led, Justice Driven."

For over two decades, CAIR has worked to improve the lives of Muslim Americans through its mission of building coalitions, promoting mutual understanding and dialogue between communities, protecting civil liberties, and improving understanding of Islam, in our great diverse nation. CAIR has been steadfast in advocacy, community involvement and dedication to the Muslim-American community.

Best wishes for a successful event.

ADAM B. SCHIFF Member of Congress

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October 20, 2018

Council on American-Islamic Relations National Office 453 New Jersey Ave, S.E. Washington, Dc 20003

Greetings:

As the U.S. Congressman for Georgia's Thirteenth District, it is an honor to recognize the Council on American-Islamic Relations (CAIR) for 24 years of excellence and community service as you host your 2018 Celebratory Banquet with the theme "Faith Led, Justice Driven."

CAIR's dual mission to strengthen the understanding of Islamic culture and religion and to build coalitions that promote justice is deeply appreciated, inspiring and timely. By protecting and defending the constitutional rights of American Muslims, CAIR supports the rights of all Americans. CAIR's work is truly essential in making democracy work for everyone. I applaud the Council's work throughout the State of Georgia and encourage you to stay vigilant in challenging injustices.

Again, congratulations and best wishes as you celebrate 24 years of community service. Please call on me if I can be of service to you.

Sincerely

David Scott Member of Congress

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September 11, 2018

Dear Friends,

It is my honor to welcome you to the Council on American-Islamic Relations (CAIR) 2018 Celebratory Banquet, commemorating 24 years of dedicated work and community service in the State of Washington and across the nation. I am continually inspired by CAIR's efforts to protect civil liberties, and their service to the community. The importance of the council's work, bringing people together from all across the community nation and from all walks of life, cannot be understated.

It goes without saying that the work CAIR does is critical in challenging the Islamophobia in American society. Thanks to your efforts, and the efforts of activists, scholars, community leaders, and concerned citizens throughout the nation, America is better than it was before and continues to improve.

Additionally, in keeping with this year's theme of "Faith Led, Justice Driven" I am ever supportive of CAIR's work to ensure that American Muslims have the ability to participate in our democratic process. Our system functions at its best when no one is arbitrarily excluded from voicing their opinions, or exercising their constitutional rights, and CAIR has done exceptional work to ensure that every American is afforded these benefits. CAIR's work does not end with defending civil liberties, as they also play a vital role in making sure that Muslims are responsibly represented in the media, so that all Americans can be better informed and take part in productive civic discussions.

I send my warmest wishes to everyone in attendance as you mark this significant milestone. I look forward to hearing about CAIR's positive contributions within our country in the years to come, and please do not hesitate to contact me if I can ever be of assistance.

Adam Smith Member of Congress

DARREN SOTO

Congress of the United States House of Representatives Washington, DC 20515–0909

September 12, 2018

Council on American-Islamic Relations 453 New Jersey Ave SE Washington, DC 20003

Dear Friends,

It is with great pleasure that I congratulate the Council on American-Islamic Relations (CAIR) for 24 years of excellence and community service as you host your 2018 Celebratory Banquet with the theme "*Faith Led, Justice Driven*." I applaud the council for continuing this great tradition of bringing together community leaders, scholars and activists to celebrate CAIR's work defending civil liberties. The council's work in my district and across the nation is much appreciated.

CAIR's efforts, especially after the Pulse massacre, to dismantle Islamophobic rhetoric, mobilize the American Muslim community, unite with others against all types of hate, and encourage civic engagement played an instrumental role in uniting Orlando in such a crucial time.

Our office was humbled to meet with members of CAIR's Muslim Advocacy Day in these past few years. The meeting highlighted Florida Muslims' concerns and challenges they face in our communities. I am thankful our office is now better equipped to support our constituents' needs.

By protecting and defending the constitutional rights of American Muslims, CAIR supports the rights of all Americans. CAIR's work is essential in making democracy work for everyone.

Once again, best of luck. May this year's banquet be a wonderful experience for every person in attendance.

Sincerely,

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September 6, 2018

Council on American-Islamic Relations National Office 453 New Jersey Avenue, SE Washington, DC 20003

Dear Friends:

I am writing to congratulate the Council on American-Islamic Relations (CAIR) on the occasion of its 24st anniversary celebratory banquet.

Faith Led, Justice Driven is the theme of this year's event. I applaud CAIR's highlighting what a force for good our faith can be as it drives us to do justice in our communities. Justice is called for now more than ever, as some of our country leader's turn their backs on immigrants fleeing violence and many in our country struggle to get ahead.

CAIR provides a critical bulwark against Islamophobia and source of information for the challenges Muslims face. I appreciate CAIR's efforts to help America live up to its highest ideals, that of a nation where everyone can work hard and succeed without fear of being held back by prejudixe.

I wish CAIR continued success in all its endeavors and an enjoyable banquet.

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Member of Congress



HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES WASHINGTON, D. C. 20515

October 20, 2018

Dear Friends,

It gives me great pleasure to send my greetings and best wishes to you on the occasion of the Council on American-Islamic Relations' 24th Anniversary Banquet. This year's gathering is a reflection of growth and success over the past twenty years for the Council on American-Islamic Relations (CAIR.)

This year's theme, "Faith Led, Justice Driven," is truly a reflection of the mission and core values of CAIR. By uniting community leaders, scholars, and activists to help promote and defend civil liberties of all Americans, CAIR has been a champion in defending the rights of the most vulnerable Americans for over two decades. Their efforts help support a clearer understanding of Islam, encourage dialogue, promote justice, and nurture coalitions to make the fabric of our society stronger and more united. I commend CAIR's efforts in giving the American Muslim community a voice, even in the most difficult times.

I am thrilled that so many people were able to come together for this great cause. CAIR's work in Southern California and across the nation is much appreciated. Again, I'd like to send my warm regards to everyone who was able to attend tonight, and to those who are here in spirit. Please accept my best wishes for a memorable evening and continued success.

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MARK TAKANO Member of Congress



MIKE THOMPSON Member of Congress

FIFTH DISTRICT CALIFORNIA

October 20, 2018

Council on American-Islamic Relations National Office 453 New Jersey Ave, SE Washington, DC 20003

Dear Friends:

Congratulations to the Council on American-Islamic Relations (CAIR) on the occasion of your 2018 Celebratory Banquet and on your 24 years of outstanding service to our community.

CAIR's efforts to counter hate speech and defend civil liberties, in partnership with Muslim and non-Muslim civic and community leaders, is essential to moving America forward. This important work ensures the rights and freedoms of all our citizens are protected.

Further, I commend CAIR for its voter registration and get-out-the-vote activities. Your support helps maintain the active engagement on which our democracy depends.

Again, congratulations on this year's banquet.

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September 6, 2018

20TH DISTRICT, NEW YORK

Council on American-Islamic Relations National Office 453 New Jersey Ave, S.E. Washington, D.C. 20003

Dear Friends,

I want to offer my sincere congratulations for your 24 years of excellence and community service as you meet for the 2018 Annual Council on American-Islamic Relations (CAIR) Celebratory Banquet themed, "Faith Led, Justice Driven." For more than two decades, CAIR has continued the wonderful tradition of bringing together community leaders, scholars, and activists to celebrate their work defending the rights of all Americans, regardless of race, ethnicity, or religion.

I have had the opportunity to work with CAIR and New York State's Capital Region Muslim community for many years. I am grateful for the work you have done and continue to do. Now more than ever, our democracy requires the active participation of informed citizens, and I commend CAIR for its participation in the principles of civic engagement upon which the United States of America was founded.

As a firm believer in civil rights and the free practice of religion, I salute CAIR for empowering Muslims nationwide in political and social activism. The strong and authentic voice they have given to American Muslims has helped our democracy to thrive. Despite this strong action. I believe our country has taken a step backward on voting rights and civil rights in recent years. I look forward to working with you as we continue to fight in Congress to modernize our election system, restore the Voting Rights Act, end discrimination of all kinds, and promote social justice.

I want to thank CAIR for protecting and defending the constitutional rights of American Muslims. By doing this, CAIR is truly supporting the rights of all Americans. I am excited to continue our work together for many years to come.

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September 13, 2018

Council on American-Islamic Relations National Office 453 New Jersey Ave, S.E. Washington, D.C. 20003

Dear Friends,

It is with great honor that I welcome you to the 24th CAIR Annual Banquet. As part of this special night, I want to commend CAIR for the valuable work you have accomplished since 1994 to promote civil liberties within the state of California and across the nation. The mission of CAIR to encourage understanding of Islam, empower American Muslims, and promote and protect dialogue and civil liberties is essential to strengthening our democracy and ensuring everyone has the power to reach their full potential.

This year's theme—"Living Our Faith-Defending Freedom"—highlights the importance of giving everyone a voice and upholding our country's proud tradition of religious freedom. Diversity makes our democracy strong and our Muslim brothers and sisters help make this country the greatest it can be.

I offer my sincere gratitude to CAIR's work in promoting understanding throughout the nation and celebrate your successes this year.

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Dear Friends,

With great pleasure, I congratulate the Council on American-Islamic Relations (CAIR) on 24 years of excellence and community service as CAIR hosts its Anniversary Celebratory Banquet, *"Faith Led, Justice Driven."* I applaud the Council for continuing its great tradition of bringing together community leaders, scholars, and activists to celebrate CAIR's work defending civil liberties, empowering American Muslims, and encouraging interfaith dialogue. The Council's efforts in the state of California and across the nation are greatly appreciated.

In this challenging political climate, CAIR has fought to uphold civil rights and protect our democracy, a democracy that should represent all citizens regardless of their religious beliefs. By supporting the rights of American Muslims, CAIR strengthens our commitment to defending religious freedom for all. The Council has partnered with other community organizations to renounce hate in all its forms, helping to create a country that celebrates diversity. I applaud CAIR's non-partisan voter registration and get-out-the-vote efforts, enacting the principles of civic engagement upon which our country was founded.

I hope you enjoy the "Faith Led, Justice Driven" banquet as we celebrate the Council's impressive and ongoing impact on our country.

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Member of Congress



House of Representatives Washington, D.C. 20515

Bonnie Watson Coleman 12th District, New Jersey

October 20, 2018

Dear Friends,

It is with great pleasure that I congratulate the Council on American-Islamic Relations (CAIR) for 24 years of excellence and community service as you host your 2018 Celebratory Banquet with the theme "*Faith Led, Justice Driven*." I applaud the council for continuing this great tradition of bringing together community leaders, scholars and activists to celebrate CAIR's work defending civil liberties. I especially appreciate CAIR's work in my home state of New Jersey.

CAIR's legal work to uphold and defend the constitutional and civil rights of American Muslims, ensures that the rights of all Americans remain well protected. The council's public campaigns to expose and dismantle Islamophobia as well as its partnerships with others to push back against all types of hate have played an instrumental role in helping move America forward. Our democracy requires the active participation of informed citizens. I commend CAIR for its voter registration and non-partisan get-out-the-vote activities, which support the very principles of civic engagement on which our nation was founded.

Once again, best of luck. May this year's banquet be a wonderful experience for every person in attendance.

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BONNIE WATSON COLEMAN Member of Congress





Greetings

Council on American-Islamic Relations

24th Annual Banquet

October 20, 2018

As Mayor of Washington, DC, I am pleased to extend greetings to the Council on American-Islamic Relations (CAIR), on the occasion of your 24th Annual Banquet.

Since 1994, CAIR has worked tirelessly to promote a positive image of Islam and Muslims in America, and continues to serve as a leading advocate for American Muslims.

This year's event, "Faith Led, Justice Driven," will celebrate 24 years of your dedication to community service and I commend you for bringing together community leaders, scholars and activists to honor your work of defending civil liberties.

As you celebrate this special occasion, your work to eradicate injustices across the nation is much appreciated.

On behalf of the residents of Washington, DC, I wish you a memorable and successful event.

Muriel Bowser Mayor, Washington, DC





COMMONWEALTH of VIRGINIA

Office of the Governor

Ralph S. Northam Governor

October 20, 2018

Dear Friends:

On behalf of the Commonwealth of Virginia, I am pleased to extend a warm welcome to everyone celebrating the 24th anniversary of the Council on American-Islamic Relations (CAIR) banquet. I am grateful for the great work CAIR does for Virginia and the United States.

Since 1994, CAIR has served the citizens of Virginia and the United States by enhancing the understanding of Islam, protecting civil rights, promoting justice, and empowering American Muslims. It warms my heart to see so many Virginians coming together to celebrate our rich cultural diversity. I am confident that your continued engagement will make our community a better place to live for generations to come.

As Governor, I have worked diligently to create a community of inclusion, dignity, and equality. As I travel across the state, I am constantly reminded that our communities are built on the backbone of hardworking immigrant values - that is what makes Virginia the best place to live, work, and raise a family. American-Muslim men and women lend their rich heritage to enhancing the Commonwealth in business, education, the arts, and our military.

Again, thank you for attending the 24th anniversary of the Council on American-Islamic Relations (CAIR) banquet, and I send my best wishes for a successful evening.

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Ralph S. Northam



October 20, 2018

Asalaam Alikum Sisters & Brothers,

Congratulations on 24 years of community service and advocacy.

A special appreciation to the chapters across the country who have joined in the fight for worker justice, immigrant's rights, standing up against all forms of hate and so much more. Thank you for exposing our faith in the most profound way, through the service of others.

The council's public campaigns to expose and dismantle Islamaphobia and its partnership with other communities to push back against all types of hate have played an instrumental role in helping move America forward. I also want to thank CAIR for giving the American Muslim community an authentic voice in the public square.

We have truly seen an outpouring of activism, especially among the incredible, diverse Muslim women who have taken on fights in their neighborhoods at all levels.

InshAllah, many years of growth and effective advocacy.

Sincerely,

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