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Secretary of State
John F. Kerry
United States Department of State
320 21st St. NW
Washington DC 20451.

Dear Secretary Kerry,

The Muslim Public Affairs Council (MPAC) is an American institution which has since its inception, focused our work on ensuring that the American Muslim community is independent of foreign connections and labels. We have worked tirelessly to ensure that the American Muslim community does not become entangled in the geopolitical interest of various Muslim-Majority countries in the Middle East and South Asia.

It is for this reason that we were surprised to see two American Muslim organizations end up on a terrorism list by the United Arab Emirates (UAE). The Council on American Islamic Relations (CAIR) and the Muslim American Society (MPAC) are two groups whose work is known within the American Muslim community and who have contributed to various aspects of civic life including religious education, civil rights and civic engagement.

Their inclusion on such a list is very concerning for us at MPAC and we request that the State Department inquire as to how and why this took place. This incident has potential ramifications for individuals and communities who have families in the region, engage in business overseas and most egregious of all tarnishes two American Muslim organizations.

We hope to hear from you and the State Department soon and will welcome any response.

Sincerely
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