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*Washington, D.C. 20535*

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Honorable Frank R. Wolf  
Committee on Appropriations  
House of Representatives  
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Congressman Wolf:

This is in response to your letter to FBI Assistant Director Michael J. Heimbach dated February 2, 2009. As you know, we recently acknowledged that we have suspended any formal engagement with Council on American Islamic Relations (CAIR) field offices around the country.

"Formal" relationships as defined here means appointing or accepting CAIR or its representatives on any organized committee or group sponsored by the FBI. However, representatives of CAIR have the same access to the FBI as any other persons and are encouraged to report any crime or violation of civil rights.

Members of the United States Government, especially those serving in a law enforcement capacity, have a duty to be judicious in our activities as representatives of the Federal Government. The adjustment in our contacts with CAIR comes in part as a result of evidence gathered through FBI investigations and presented in connection with the Holy Land Foundation trial. CAIR was listed as an unindicted co-conspirator in that case.

We appreciate your continued interest in and support of the FBI's programs and mission.

Sincerely,

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