

# Congress of the United States

Washington, DC 20515  
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Wilson "Bill" Livingood  
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Dear Sergeant At Arms Livingood:

Evidence produced by Department of Justice (DOJ) federal prosecutors in the Holy Land Foundation for Relief and Development in the United States v. Holy Land Foundation et al. (Cr. No. 3:04-240-P (N.D.TX.)), points to a relationship between the Council on American Islamic Relations (CAIR) and terrorist groups. We are very concerned with this relationship in light of claims made in the recently published book Muslim Mafia, which states that CAIR is making efforts to influence national security policy in Congress.

In the Holy Land Foundation trial, the Department of Justice named CAIR an unindicted co-conspirator for its connections to the Holy Land Foundation and the terrorist organization HAMAS. The trial ended with guilty verdicts on 108 separate charges for terrorist front groups funneling more than \$12 million to HAMAS.

As a result, the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) formally cut ties with CAIR. On February 24, 2009, Senators Kyl (R-AZ), Schumer (D-NY), and Coburn (R-OK) sent a letter to the FBI praising their decision to cut ties with CAIR. On April 28, 2009, the FBI responded with a letter explaining why they cut ties with CAIR:

"During that trial [Holy Land Foundation], evidence was introduced that demonstrated a relationship among CAIR, individual CAIR founders (including its current President Emeritus and its Executive Director) and the Palestinian Committee. Evidence was also introduced that demonstrated a relationship between the Palestinian Committee and HAMAS, which was designated a terrorist organization in 1995. In light of that evidence, the FBI suspended all formal contacts between CAIR and the FBI."

Muslim Mafia raises claims that CAIR, who the FBI says has a relationship with HAMAS, has made it a strategic goal to influence Members of Congress on the Judiciary, Intelligence and Homeland Security Committees. The book states they have created an internal electronic mailing list, called "Policy-net" to influence policy. It also states that associates of CAIR lobbied Members of Congress in order to weaken the Patriot Act and other critical law-enforcement tools used to protect America's national security.

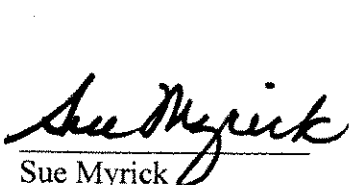
Further, the book alleges that CAIR is not only working to influence national security policy, but is actively placing associates in Congressional offices. In the book, an internal CAIR strategic memo states that they have made it a goal to place interns in offices of Members of Congress. Muslim Mafia also claims that CAIR has spent thousands of dollars to fund fellowships in Members' offices.

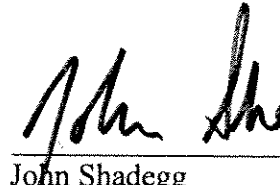
Due to the seriousness of this issue, we ask that you work with Members of Congress on the House Judiciary, Homeland Security, and Intelligence Committees to determine if CAIR was successful in placing interns in any of their offices. We also ask that you review the evidence, produced by the

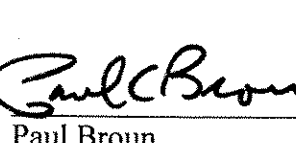
FBI and DOJ, regarding CAIR's ties to HAMAS and determine if CAIR is a security threat. If you find that CAIR is a security threat, we ask that you take the appropriate security measures.

We appreciate your attention to this important issue and would like to be made aware of your findings following the completion of your investigation.

Sincerely,

  
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Member of Congress

  
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Member of Congress

  
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