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Dear Friends:

Greetings! It gives me great pleasure to welcome all of you to the Council on American Islamic Relations-Chicago's (CAIR-Chicago) 6th Annual Banquet. As you gather to discuss this year's theme "Unapologetic Activism: Our Legacy, Our Promise," you also have an opportunity to celebrate CAIR-Chicago's success in the past year.

CAIR-Chicago's efforts to ensure justice and equality demonstrate that working for greater civil liberties of one community advances the civil liberties of all communities. Your organization promotes a greater understanding of the Muslim culture and serves as an essential thread in the multicultural fabric of our nation.

Again, I would like to extend my warmest wishes to all attendees for your dedication to ensuring that the rights guaranteed by the Constitution are enjoyed by all, regardless of religious or ethnic background. Congratulations on all your work and achievements, and I wish you best of luck in all your future endeavors.

Very truly yours,



Richard J. Durbin
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