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

Dear Friends:

I write to commend your strong dedication to social justice and to the protection of civil liberties as you gather for the Council on American-Islamic Relations' (CAIR) 17th annual banquet: "Making Democracy Work for Everyone."

Since its inception, CAIR has been vital in creating dialogue between America's diverse communities and in building coalitions to address issues of social justice. In my home state of Ohio, CAIR has helped make my district a more inclusive and welcoming place for American Muslims.

I congratulate CAIR on its achievements as a nonprofit organization dedicated to encouraging dialogue, protecting civil liberties, empowering American Muslims and for its work to build conditions that promote justice and mutual understanding.

Sincerely,

Dennis J. Kucinich
Member of Congress