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Dear Friends:

Please accept my warmest greetings and sincerest congratulations as the Council on American-Islamic Relations celebrates its 21st Annual Banquet, "*Champions for Justice*". I am honored to have this opportunity to acknowledge the exemplary work of the Council on American-Islamic Relations, its staff and leadership on this momentous occasion.

Established in 1994, the Council on American-Islamic Relations or CAIR, advocates for the promotion of accurate representations of Islam and Muslims in media and society. As the sole organization promoting civil rights for Muslim-Americans, CAIR lobbies for effective civil rights policies and changes in discriminatory practices that directly affect Islamic-Americans in the United States enabling them to fully participate in the American civil life.

Through the teachings of prominent scholars and forums, CAIR has empowered the Muslim-American community and all Americans, to continue to educate our nation of the culture and traditions of Muslim Americans. I applaud CAIR for its determination to continue to spread humanity around the world and to cultivate and encourage mutual understanding amongst Americans of all backgrounds and cultures.

Again, congratulations and thank you for your dedication and hard work. I know that the Council on American-Islamic Relations will continue to serve New York State and the nation for many years to come. Best wishes on this auspicious occasion.

Sincerely,

Charles E. Schumer
United States Senator