

Congress of the United States

Washington, DC 20515
October 21, 2009

The Honorable Eric Holder
Attorney General
U.S. Department of Justice
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Washington, DC 20530

Dear Mr. Attorney General:

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 about 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.

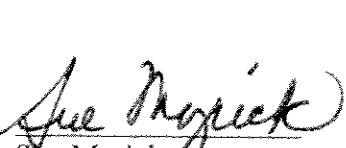
As a result, the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) formally cut ties with CAIR. On February 24, 2009, Senators Kyl (R-AZ), Schumer (D-NY), and Coburn (R-OK) sent a letter to the FBI praising their decision to cut ties with CAIR. On April 28, 2009, the FBI responded with a letter explaining why they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

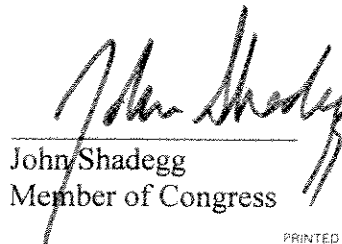
“During that trial [Holy Land Foundation], evidence was introduced that demonstrated a relationship among CAIR, individual CAIR founders (including its current President Emeritus and its Executive Director) and the Palestinian Committee. Evidence was also introduced that demonstrated a relationship between 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.”

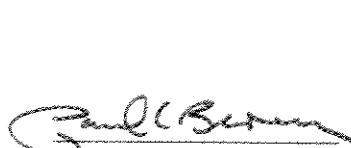
As lawmakers, we must ensure we are not influenced by organizations with ties to terrorists groups. Therefore, we ask that the DOJ provide each Member of Congress a summary of the evidence and findings by the DOJ and FBI which led them to name CAIR an unindicted co-conspirator in a terrorism trial. We also ask that this summary include an appendix containing complete documents and evidence produced during the Holy Land trial that shows how CAIR has ties to HAMAS.


We look forward to your Department’s summary of this important evidence on CAIR.

Sincerely,


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Member of Congress


John Shadegg
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Paul Broun
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Trent Franks
Member of Congress