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Dear Mark Kappelhoff,

My name is Anisa Abd el Fattah, and I am the founder and Chairwoman of The National Association of Muslim American Women, (NAMA W). NAMA W is a grassroots organization whose mission is to organize Muslim women politically, and to make their voices heard on issues that are relevant, and important to all Americans, not the least of which are issues related to civil liberties and the equal constitutional rights of all US citizens.

This letter and its supporting documentation is a complaint to the Department of Justice Civil Rights Division, Criminal Division, and also the Executive Office for United States Attorneys. This complaint alleges that various organizations and individuals have provided misleading and highly politicized information, and testimonies to US law enforcement agencies, and also the US Congress that was, and is aimed at creating a political, legal, social, and financial environment that is hostile to Muslims and Arab Americans, and that causes Muslim and Arab-Americans to suffer discrimination, persecution, and the deprivation and denial of Constitutional rights, and equal protection under the law. Among these organizations and individuals are the American-Israel Political Action Committee (AIPAC), better known as the "Jewish lobby", American Jewish Committee, Anti-Defamation League, American Jewish Congress B'Nai B'rith, and also the Jewish Council on Public Affairs, along with such individuals as Steven Emerson, Daniel Pipes, Rita Katz, Steven Schwartz, Evan Kohlman, and others who have made public statements that have contributed to the creation of an environment in the United States that is hostile to Arab Americans and Muslims, leading to numerous acts of deprivation and violation of civil liberties and also civil rights.

This complaint is based upon statements made that may reach the level of hate speech in some instances, and in other instances, such statements may reach the level of perjury,

carried out to mislead the US Congress and US law enforcement into carrying out overly aggressive legislative and law enforcement campaigns that result in legislation, raids and arrests that deprive Muslims and Arab Americans of equal protection under the law, and deprivation and denial of civil liberties and rights guaranteed to all American equally in the US Constitution, among these being the rights to life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness.

This complaint especially alleges the following:

1. Jewish organizations and activists have created an “enemies” list that includes Muslims, Arabs and white nationalists’ organizations here in the US. This list is compromised of individuals and groups that are deemed threats or enemies of the State of Israel.
2. These organizations have used their financial resources and also their formidable political influence to purposefully poison public opinion against Muslims, Arabs, and Islam in an attempt to demonize and vilify the same for political purposes, and to create an environment conducive to the deprivation of and denial of Muslim and Arab constitutional rights and repression of religious freedoms in respect to Islam.

Whereas this activity has occurred over more than a decade here in the US, culminating in what we believe is a current atmosphere of extreme suspicion, hatred and persecution of Muslims and Arabs in the US, this complaint is compelled mostly by an article written recently by Daniel Pipes, a former Board member at the USIP, United States Institute for Peace, and published in the *New York Post*. The article is entitled, “After defeating fascists and communists, can the West now defeat the Islamists?” published December 26, 2006. In this article Pipes suggests that the war on terrorism is a war against “Islamists” and he defines Islamists as “persons who demand to live by the sacred laws of Islam, known as *Sharia*. (See Exhibit A1). If we accept Pipes definition, which nearly every law enforcement, government, and policy making body in the US traditionally does, it means that the US is arguably at war with every Muslim in the world, and also the religion of Islam. Pipes definition is rooted in a verse of Quran that suggests that what defines a person as Muslim is their adherence to Islamic law. The Quran says in chapter 49:14, ***“Tell them (Muhammad) that they are Muslims because they have submitted to the law...”***

In another article entitled, “Anti-Islamists Crusader Plants New Seeds,” Exhibit B, author Jim Lobe makes it clear that Pipes has joined up with a Jewish convert to Islam, Steven Schwartz with the intention to establish an “Anti-Islamist” institute for the sole purpose of “exposing the legal political activities of Islamists.” According to Pipes, “In the long term ...the legal activities of Islamists pose as much, or even greater set of challenges as the illegal ones” (see Exhibits B1 and 2). This suggests to us that the decades long campaign of many Jewish groups and activists to fight what they deem threats to Israel posed by Muslims, Arabs, white nationalists, and Islam has been escalated by Pipes to include an aggressive campaign against all Muslims, and Arab Americans. Pipes claims that he is joined in this campaign by the likes of former Deputy Defense Secretary Paul

Wolfowitz, and former CIA director James Woolsey, along with other influential public officials, academicians and politicians (See Exhibit B, 1-7).

In an academic paper written by John Mearsheimer and Steven Walt of the Harvard Kennedy School of Government, “ The Israel Lobby and US Foreign Policy” these professors explain how people like Daniel Pipes, Steven Emerson and the Jewish Organizations who we believe support their work, have worked over the years to create the type of environment in the US that makes it possible for a leading US newspaper like the New York Post to feel that it is right and beneficial to our country to publish an article like Pipe’s article. They state the following:

Many of the key organizations in the Lobby like AIPAC and Conference of Presidents of major Jewish Organizations are run by hardliners who generally supported the expansionist policies of Israel’s Likud party, including its hostility to the Oslo peace process. Despite differences, the majority of organized groups in the American Jewish community favor steady support for Israel (See Exhibit C1).

The authors also make the case that one of the primary ways in which AIPAC assists Jewish organizations and individuals in their misguided efforts to protect Israel against all supposed threats, which includes attempts to deny other citizens the rights to free speech, religious choice, expression, and political participation, are also such practices as using AIPAC political influence to arrange Congressional hearings where Jewish activist and organization heads are allowed to make public statements that demonize and vilify all Muslims and Arabs as either terrorists or potential terrorists, and to make recommendations that the Muslims and Arabs be denied rights as a matter of national security, (See Exhibits C 1-10, D 1-3, E 1-13, F 1-7, G 1-5, H 1-9).

Even a cursory review of these exhibits will alarm most people, since they seem to represent an organized effort not only to demonize and vilify Muslims and Arabs as either terrorists or potential terrorists, they also seem to reveal how the Jewish Lobby has denied Muslims and Arabs, with the unfortunate cooperation of the US Congress, any opportunity to refute the many false statements and allegations made in much of the testimony presented here by representatives of the Jewish groups. As US government reforms advocate Ralph Nader states in his article, “Time for New Reforms”

Often the witnesses called to testify before committees are carefully selected to stack the deck for, or against particular pieces of legislation. Consumer and community groups which might raise embarrassing questions about the beneficiaries of special interest legislation are sometimes refused a chance to testify, creating a distorted public record that deceives the public. (D-1).

In nearly every instance, Muslims and Arabs were denied the right to offer any testimony on issues related to Muslim activities in respect to US Muslim support or sympathy for terrorism, or even to present US Muslim and Arab views on the Palestine/Israel conflict and how it might impact their view of Israel and US foreign policy. The testimonies of these Jewish groups and individuals served to severely damage and cast serious aspersion on the Muslim and Arab community in the US, yet not in a single instance was a representative of the Muslim or Arab communities allowed to testify, leading to what Ralph Nader has identified as a deceptive public record on the issues of US Muslims and Arabs and terrorism.

In one blatant attempt to suggest that certain Arab Muslims who were politically active in the US, and vocal against Israeli injustices against the Palestinians and Israeli violations of international law, one witness, Steven Emerson may have actually perjured himself in front of a Congressional committee, alleging that the FBI had produced as the result of a government raid on an Arab Muslim led think tank, irrefutable evidence that the head of that organization was a terrorist hiding in the US and using this organization as a terrorist front group to raise money for terrorists organizations (See Exhibit G 2). This testimony led to a public campaign against this individual that included the involvement of a noted television news anchor for FOX News, resulting in a government indictment against the Arab Muslim accused by Emerson. After a lengthy trial in which Muslims and Arabs were denied the opportunity to testify about the treatment of Palestinians held in Palestinian refugee camps, while Jews from Israel were allowed to come to the US to testify about the affects of terrorism on their daily lives, a jury failed to convict the defendant of the charges formerly alleged by Emerson in his testimony (See Exhibit I). Even though the defendant, a Palestinian American, was not found guilty of the most serious charges alleged against him, he is still being held in a US prison, until the US attorney in his case can glean information from him to use to perhaps prosecute another Muslim organization, falsely accused by Jewish groups of funding terrorism in what is a nearly ten year public witch hunt that severely polarized US society, and caused Muslims and Arabs to be the brunt of a campaign that is actually aimed at silencing Muslim and Arab voices opposing the continued illegal Israeli occupation of Palestine.

The pattern of defamation against US Muslims and Arabs by Jewish organizations and activists and incitement against Muslims and Arabs is clear and consistent in our view. This complaint is an attempt to alert our government to this pattern of possibly illegal behavior. We are requesting a thorough Department of Justice investigation of the actions and statements documented herein. If our allegations are found to have any merit, we are requesting that the Department of Justice take the steps necessary to end these practices, and to help the Muslim and Arab community, and our society generally, to overcome the hate, fear and suspicion that has been caused and created by these activities, and to heal.

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