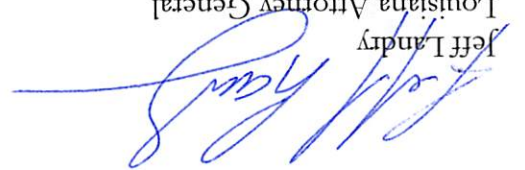


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country secure.

Thank you in advance for your timely response to this correspondence and for your dedication to keeping our

in or supported any terrorist activity, directly or indirectly, since their complicity was exposed in the Holy Land Foundation trial ending in 2011.



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The Honorable Loretta Lynch
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RE: The Council on American-Islamic Relations

Dear Attorney General Lynch:

Pursuant to Louisiana House Resolution 170, the Louisiana Department of Justice is inquiring into a subject of deep national importance. There has been substantial evidence establishing a relationship between the Council on American-Islamic Relations (CAIR) and terrorist organizations. CAIR claims to be a benign civil-rights advocacy group that condemns terrorism, but the facts show that simply not to be the case.

The case against the Holy Land Foundation for funding terrorist organizations was the largest successful terrorism financing prosecution in U.S. history. That very same case identified CAIR as a Muslim Brotherhood front group. CAIR was also listed as an unindicted co-conspirator in the trial and it was shown to have opened its Washington, D.C. office with funding from the Holy Land Foundation.

During the Holy Land Foundation trial, agents of the Federal Bureau of Investigations (FBI) testified that CAIR operates as a front for Hamas. Former FBI Director Robert Mueller testified before Congress that the Bureau continues to have concerns about the organization's associations with terrorist groups. As a result, the FBI suspended all formal contact and outreach activities with CAIR.

Since September 11, 2001, no fewer than 15 CAIR executives, directors, and other staff members have been convicted or implicated in terrorism investigations.

The relationship between key figures of CAIR and terrorist organizations is extensive. A CAIR director was convicted for violating U.S. sanctions against Iraq. Another director was imprisoned for terrorism-related financial and conspiracy charges. A civil rights director of the organization was convicted on charges of conspiring to help Al-Qaeda and the Taliban in their fight against our troops in Afghanistan. The former director of community affairs was deported to Egypt after pleading guilty to funneling money and publishing materials in support of terrorist activities. A fund-raiser for CAIR was also deported after funneling money for terrorist activities.

The Louisiana House of Representatives has urged that all law enforcement and governmental agencies in Louisiana follow the lead of the FBI and avoid all formal contacts and outreach activities with CAIR.

In these trying times, we must make every effort to combat the threat of terrorism in our land. Therefore, the state of Louisiana- by resolution of the Louisiana Legislature- request to know whether CAIR has been involved