



**American Islamic Forum for Democracy**

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VIA: Certified Mail, Fax and Email

Dear Mr. Saylor:

For over a decade now the American Islamic Forum for Democracy (AIFD) has been focused on the need to advocate the principles of the U.S. Constitution in order to bring a better understanding and embrace of liberty for Muslims in America and around the world.

During this time, we have repeatedly run into opposition from the Council for American-Islamic Relations (CAIR). Despite multiple attempts, it seems your organization has a fear of engaging in any substantive debate over our areas of ideological disagreement as Muslims and as Americans. Instead, the actions that CAIR has taken against me and our organization have crossed the line of honesty and decency on numerous occasions. Your organization's penchant to avoid any substantive public engagement or debate with us on American Muslim ideas and the reform that AIFD represents speaks volumes to your scorched earth agenda against your antagonists in Muslim communities at home and abroad.

While we may differ in most every way, I think that we can both agree that Muslims in America and around the world have reached a critical juncture. The next several decades will be decisive in whether there is a growth of the acceptance of Muslims in American society and whether the United States plays an active role in aiding the progress of many Muslim majority nations towards liberty.

With your latest round of false attacks and your new department and position within in CAIR, I feel that it is time to try anew and see if we can get down to the real business of helping our co-religionists in America.

I am writing to you today in the hope that you may have the courage of your convictions to debate me publicly in a neutral setting specifically on the issue of *Islamophobia in America*.



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Let's put it all on the table in a Lincoln-Douglas type debate and look at what is now apparently your primary issue for CAIR and its impact on American Muslims.

You have falsely labeled me a central purveyor of Islamophobia in America. So take the chance, in a neutral location with a neutral moderator, to put CAIR's ideas and vision for American Muslims on the table against the vision and ideas that AIFD represents.

I'd be happy to do this in your hometown of Washington D.C. We would like to schedule the debate at the Georgetown University School of Continuing Studies on the night of May 10 since I am scheduled to be in the Washington, D.C. area around that time. This will be an opportunity for honesty and a frank exchange of our ideas before a public audience.

I look forward to your positive response. You can reach me through my assistant Vesna at 602-254-1840 or [vesna@aifdemocracy.org](mailto:vesna@aifdemocracy.org)

Sincerely,

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