



KAY BAILEY HUTCHISON
UNITED STATES SENATOR

July 2, 2011

Dear Friends:

It is my special honor to extend best wishes as you gather together for the Ahmadiyya Muslim Community USA 63rd Annual Convention.

As the leading Islamic organization to reject terrorism in any form, you have taken a strong stand and set a powerful precedent in a world where terrorist networks and threats are prevalent. The future of our free world rests in the hands of those who pursue justice, and I applaud you for your commitment to fighting against violence and for peace.

This year's convention is a celebration of freedom, and we are united in our belief that religious freedom is a right that should not – and must not – be infringed upon. Thank you for actively promoting this truth among your members and throughout your community.

With best wishes,

Sincerely,


Kay Bailey Hutchison

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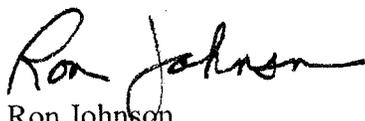
United States Senate

WASHINGTON, DC 20510

June 29, 2011

Congratulations to the Ahmadiyya Muslim community USA on your 63rd Jalso Salana (annual convention) in Pennsylvania where members are gathering to celebrate freedom. I am proud to live in this great country where free expression of religion is constitutionally protected for every citizen. Recently, the Ahmadiyya Muslim Community in Oshkosh, Wisconsin opened the doors of its new Mosque and warmly welcomed neighbors and community members to its opening celebration.

I commend your organization for the stand you have taken against violence born of religious intolerance and I applaud you for your part in the nationwide campaign, "Muslims for Peace."



Ron Johnson
United States Senator



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July 2, 2011

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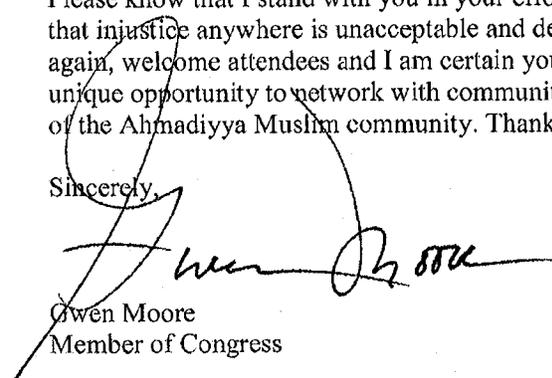
Dear Friends,

Thank you for offering this opportunity to greet and welcome attendees at the Ahmadiyya Muslim Community USA's 63rd Annual Jalsa Salana USA Annual Convention. Although I am unable to join you in person, I want to extend well wishes for a most successful conference and thank you for your support.

The theme of this year's event: "Celebrating the American and Islamic Concepts of Freedom" reminds us that we all have a role in ensuring that the human rights of all nationalities, countries, religions, faiths and communities are not supplanted. As Americans, the security and strength of our nation lies in our diversity, our unity, and our commitment to those rights and responsibilities set down in our constitution that-- "We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable rights, that among these are life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness." On this 4th of July weekend, let us not forget that these principles have been ratified at a great cost so many times over our history and encompasses every American.

Please know that I stand with you in your efforts to raise the consciousness of people everywhere, that injustice anywhere is unacceptable and defeats our American values for every American. Once again, welcome attendees and I am certain you are in for a highly worthwhile conference and an unique opportunity to network with community members, leaders, and individuals from every sector of the Ahmadiyya Muslim community. Thanks again for the opportunity address your conference.

Sincerely,



Gwen Moore
Member of Congress

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July 1, 2011

To the Ahmadiyya Muslim Community of The United States,

Please allow me to extend my best wishes for all those in the Ahmadiyya Muslim Community who are gathering in Harrisburg for their 63rd Annual Convention in the United States.

I have had the honor of visiting an Ahmadiyya Mosque in Oshkosh, Wisconsin, where I am the local member of Congress. I am impressed by your commitment to peace. The persecution you have faced in so many parts of the world is more than unfortunate - it is wrong, and I say so openly and publicly.

I am pleased that the Ahmadiyya community has found a safe place in this country to live and worship. I am sure that by continually working together, we can build our relationships, strengthen our joint commitment to live with mutual respect and come to appreciate each other more fully over time.

Under the protection of the United States Constitution, and informed by your wise belief that we should have 'love for all, and hatred for none,' I invite you to continue on your path, worship as you believe, and honor this great nation with your valued participation in our public life.

Sincerely,



Thomas E. Petri
Member of Congress



CHRIS VAN HOLLEN
MEMBER OF CONGRESS
8TH DISTRICT, MARYLAND

July 1, 2011

Dear Friends:

I am pleased to extend my personal greetings as you gather for the 63rd American Jalsa Salana USA.

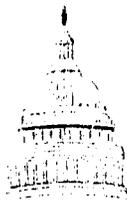
Your convention, falling on the eve of July 4th, our celebration of American Independence, is a wonderful time to meet. Together, we will be focused on concepts of freedom, including freedom of religion, the importance of the rule of law, and justice, that are ingrained in both American and Islamic law. It is so appropriate that the theme of this year's event is "Celebrating the American and Islamic Concepts of Freedom."

For over a century, the Ahmadiyya Muslim Community has promoted Mirza Ghulam Ahmad's message of righteous behavior, peace, and tolerance. As the Jalsa Salana USA begins, along with its sister gatherings in Turkey and Germany, we reflect upon our desire to strengthen spiritual bonds and promote peace. Your advocacy for universal human rights and protections for religious and other minorities inspires us all to redouble our efforts to bring about a more compassionate, tolerant and peaceful world.

You have my gratitude for all that you do to promote peace and freedom and my best wishes for a wonderful Convention.

Sincerely,

Chris Van Hollen
Member of Congress



DONNA F. EDWARDS

4TH DISTRICT
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U.S. HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
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Tuesday, June 21, 2011

The Ahmadiyya Muslim Community USA
15000 Good Hope Rd.
Silver Spring, MD 20905

Dear Friends,

I extend greetings to everyone attending The Ahmadiyya Muslim Community USA's 63rd Annual Convention, "Celebrating the American and Islamic Concepts of Freedom."

The Ahmadiyya Muslim Community USA is the oldest American-Muslim organization and is at the forefront of combating extremism in the name of Islam. I appreciate your efforts in advocating for the separation of mosque and state, as well as successfully launching campaigns for peace, loyalty, and life.

As the representative for Maryland's 4th Congressional District comprising Prince George's County and Montgomery County, I am pleased to honor the important role that The Ahmadiyya Muslim Community USA plays in the state of Maryland and throughout the United States. You have my appreciation, gratitude, and respect for all that you do. I wish you continued success in your next year.

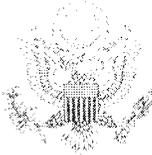
Sincerely,

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Donna F. Edwards
Member of Congress

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June 28, 2011

Mr. Rafiq Sayed
President
Ahmadiyya Muslim Community USA
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Dear Mr. Sayed:

It was a pleasure to meet with you and other members of the North Carolina Ahmadiyya Muslim Community in my Raleigh office last month. I also appreciate your gracious invitation to attend your national convention in July and regret that I could not accept it.

As we discussed during our meeting, I share your grave concern about the persecution faced by Ahmadiyya Muslim communities around the world and the tragic episodes of violence against them that have occurred in Pakistan, Indonesia, and other countries in recent years. It is my strong conviction that the free and peaceful expression of religion is a fundamental right that must be protected, and I am committed to continuing to work with you and other Ahmadiyya leaders to ensure that the United States government is upholding this right.

I hope that your national convention is successful and productive, and I look forward to remaining in touch.

Sincerely,

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DAVID PRICE
Member of Congress

cc: Mr. Shamim Malik, Local Director of Public Affairs

CONGRESSMAN TOM REED

June 28, 2011

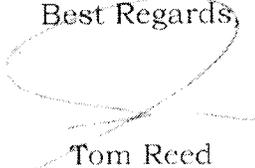
Dear Friends of the Ahmadiyya Muslim Community USA,

Congratulations to the Ahmadiyya Muslim Community USA on its 63rd Jalsa Salana!

I join with the many people world-wide who admire your work to take a stand against the persecution of peaceful Muslims and Christians in Pakistan and around the globe. Those of different religions can peacefully co-exist and work together toward the mutual goal of a world free from fear and violence based on one's beliefs or ethnicity. I very much appreciate your commitment toward that goal.

I wish you peace and a successful conference.

Best Regards,



Tom Reed
Member of Congress
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July first, 2011

For the 63rd Jalsa Salana of the Ahmadiyah Muslim Community of the United States

My fellow citizens,

I regret that I cannot be present with you in person this weekend. I stand with you in our shared commitment to religious liberty. As we prepare to celebrate the Fourth of July, we remember the wisdom of our Founders. They believed it self-evident that a Creator had endowed all persons with inalienable rights, including liberty. When the Bill of Rights was added to our Constitution in 1791, the First Amendment set forth two essential and related principles: henceforth no American law could establish religion or prohibit its free exercise.

In the last century, the 18th article of the *Universal Declaration of Human Rights* affirmed: *Everyone has the right to freedom of thought, conscience and religion; this right includes freedom to change his religion or belief, and freedom, either alone or in community with others and in public or private, to manifest his religion or belief in teaching, practice, worship and observance.*

These principles have been formally adopted and yet remain ignored in practice. Tragically, men, women, and children are still persecuted for their beliefs, denied full citizenship, tortured and killed, sometimes by mobs, sometimes in executions lawful in the jurisdictions where they occur. I will stand you and with others who demand religious liberty and civic equality until those ideals are realized. Everywhere, and for as long as it takes.

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Michael E. Capuano
Member of Congress



United States Department of State

Washington, D.C. 20520

July 1, 2011

Dear Convention Delegates of the Ahmadiyya Muslim Community USA:

I am honored to have been invited to speak at the Ahmadiyya Annual Convention and express my sincere apologies for being unable to join you.

I can assure you the U.S. Department of State is very aware of the plight of the Ahmadi communities around the world. The first meeting of our Ambassador-at-Large for International Religious Freedom, Dr. Suzan Johnson Cook, upon entering office was with the Ahmadiyya community. I understand from our Ahmadi contacts that the Ahmadiyya live peacefully in over 190 countries around the world, but in some countries the communities face restrictions on their right to assemble and freedom of religion.

We know from experience that imposing restrictions on religious expression and practice can fan the flames of societal violence and create instability. Government actions that legitimize the second class citizenry of a minority religion can marginalize these groups and embolden others to malign and abuse them. A society that instead recognizes the strength in religious diversity and embraces a free exchange of ideas is more stable, safer and healthier because it is built on the potential of all its citizens.

As members of one international community, we are all bound by the international covenants that uphold these standards of religious freedom and must work together to enforce them effectively. Secretary of State Hillary Clinton has frequently noted that freedom of religion is the birthright of people of all faiths and beliefs in all places. The United States is committed to defending religious freedom around the world, and will continue to call on governments to respect the fundamental rights of all its citizens.

Sincerely,

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Victoria A. Alvarado

Director

Office of International Religious Freedom

Bureau of Democracy, Human Rights, and Labor



CITY OF PHILADELPHIA

MICHAEL A. NUTTER
Mayor

June 30, 2011

Greetings!

It is my pleasure to welcome the Jalsa Salana USA, the 63rd Annual Convention of the Ahmadiyya Muslim Community USA convening in Harrisburg, Pennsylvania, July 1 through 3, 2011.

Philadelphia and Pennsylvania were founded by William Penn on the principal that citizens would never be "molested or prejudiced" for their religious beliefs or practices and the pledge that these beliefs and practices would be protected from compromise by government or other religious establishments.

The Ahmadiyya Muslim Community USA, which has been present in Philadelphia since 1920, is a valued part of the diversity that this "city of neighborhoods" prizes so highly. Your Community's motto, "Love for All, Hatred for None," rings true in our City of Brotherly Love and Sisterly Affection.

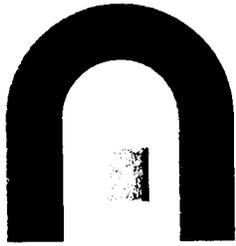
I commend your Community's involvement with Philadelphia's Office of Faith-Based Initiatives. Your advocacy and coordination of efforts to improve education and foster a new generation of leaders in cooperation with the Philadelphia School District, creates an excellent model for growth in cultural awareness. The plans to build your first mosque in Philadelphia will doubtless lead to a greater understanding of Islamic teachings and the Muslim Community and serve as a welcome center of community for your members.

On behalf of the City of Philadelphia, I congratulate the Ahmadiyya Muslim Community USA as the oldest and longest active American-Muslim organization in the nation and offer my very best wishes for a successful Convention.

Sincerely,

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Michael A. Nutter
Mayor



Allentown
City without limits.

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June 30, 2011

*Mr. Asad Chaudhry
Director of Public Affairs
Ahmadiyya Muslim Community USA Lehigh Valley*

Dear Mr. Chaudhry:

As Mayor of the City of Allentown, I congratulate you as you prepare for your 63rd Annual Jalsa Salana USA convention held in Harrisburg, PA.

The commitment of the Ahmadiyya Muslim Community to the Allentown community serves as an example to all of us.

On behalf of the residents of Allentown, I extend congratulations to the Ahmadiyya Muslim Community for their keeping their motto, "Love For All, Hatred For None."

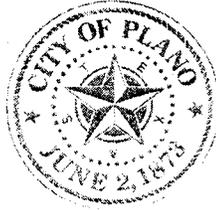
Your efforts in advocating for universal human rights and protections, and for peace and tolerance are to be commended. As Americans, we are most fortunate to have such distinguished and spiritual individuals sharing their gifts every day.

For the exceptional contributions you have made in the Muslim community in the United States and to our community as a whole, I thank you and express my appreciation for the level of service pledged for which we are most grateful.

Best wishes for a very successful convention.

Sincerely,

ED PAWLOWSKI
Mayor



Office of the Mayor

Phil Dyer
MAYOR

Greetings,

On behalf of the City of Plano, Texas, I am deeply honored to have this opportunity to recognize the Ahmadiyya Muslim Community USA for sponsoring the 63rd Annual Jalsa Salana USA Convention. Your motto, "Love For All, Hatred For None," motivates us to strengthen our spiritual bonds and thank our neighbors for their friendship and support.

The theme of your special guest event and dinner, "Celebrating the American and Islamic Concepts of Freedom," clearly states the positive aspects of the Convention. Support of the religious duty of Muslims to be loyal to the country where they reside helps others understand that Islam is not a religion of hate. The efforts to show that your religion is one of peace and love will be rewarded by the acceptance and appreciation of others.

On behalf of the Plano community I would like to express our appreciation for the enrichment the Ahmadiyya Muslim Community USA and the Annual Jalsa Salana USA Convention bring to the culture of our country. We wish you the utmost success with this event and with all your future endeavors!

Sincerely,


Phil Dyer
Mayor

63rd Annual Jalsa Salana USA

A Letter from Delegate Aruna Miller

To the distinguished members of the Ahmadiyya Muslim Community USA:

Thank you for inviting me to speak at the 63rd Jalsa Salana event. My name is Aruna Miller and I serve as one of 141 state legislators in the Maryland House of Delegates – the lower chamber of the Maryland state legislature. While I am unable to attend in person today due to a previous and conflicting obligation, I would like you to know that I am truly honored to be given the privilege of submitting this letter before you as I stand here with you in spirit only.

My involvement with the Ahmadiyya Muslim community is rooted in my own identity as one of only three Indian-American state legislators in Maryland. Born and raised in India, I immigrated here to the United States at the age of seven with my family, surely following in the footsteps of many, both past and present, in the Ahmadiyya Muslim community. Following my election to state office last November, I was approached by representatives from a local Ahmadiyya chapter within my own district. It was through this connection that I came to learn more of and deeply respect the core values of the Ahmadiyya Muslim community, inclusive of peaceful living, universal tolerance and civic engagement.

In a modern world of such conflict and prejudice, I believe the peaceful traditions of your community are of vital importance as a means of bridging the often disparate relationship between the United States and the international Muslim community. Your culture of preaching the separation of Mosque and state, of universal human rights, non-violence and community involvement exemplify the same precepts that define the American principles and “exports” of liberty and justice for all.

Moving forward, I encourage all members of your community to continue in your fight for universal human rights and protections for religious and other minorities as a means of promoting peace and freedom of religion around the world. Where many Ahmadiyya Muslims, other religious minorities and women suffer prejudice and limited rights in Islamic nations and abroad, I urge you to actively participate in the development and growth of reforms protecting these marginalized demographics. Your community stands as an example for the rest of the world to follow as proof that religious freedom, human rights and government can all exist harmoniously, guided by non-violent principles which serve to unite us rather than divide.

Thank you again for allowing me the honor of submitting this letter before you. I truly look forward to a future in which more of my fellow beings can share in the same peaceful traditions that have consistently defined the core values of the Ahmadiyya Muslim Community since its foundation.

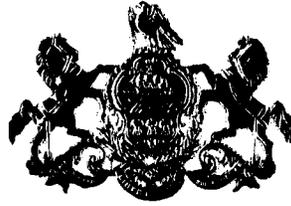
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Aruna Miller

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July 2011

Dear Members of the Ahmadiyya Muslim Community:

I extend my best wishes as you host your 63rd annual conference at the Pennsylvania Farm Show Complex for several thousand members, guests, and visitors from every corner of our great country and as you celebrate American and Islamic concepts of freedom.

You are to be commended for what you do and for the values you bring to the community and to this great nation. I am sure your convention will help to facilitate spiritual awareness among members, strengthen ties, and promote peace.

Thank you for choosing Harrisburg – the 15th Senatorial District which I represent –as the location for your annual program. I wish you a very productive and inspiring event and look forward to working together in the future on behalf of my local constituency and all Pennsylvanians. With warmest regards, good luck and God bless you!

Sincerely,

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JEFFREY E. PICCOLA

**The Board of Supervisors
of Contra Costa County**

**RECOGNITION OF 63rd ANNUAL JALSA SALANA USA
CELEBRATING THE AMERICAN AND ISLAMIC
CONCEPTS OF FREEDOM**

WHEREAS, the Ahmadiyya Muslim Community, under the leadership of its holy founder, Mirza Ghulam Ahmad, held its first convention on December 27, 1891 in Qadian, India; and

WHEREAS, for over a century since then, the Community has held its Annual Convention in numerous countries around the world with tens of thousands of Community members gathered at these conventions times throughout the year; and

WHEREAS, the principal aims of the Annual Convention are to facilitate greater spiritual awareness among Community members, strengthen ties and promote peace; and

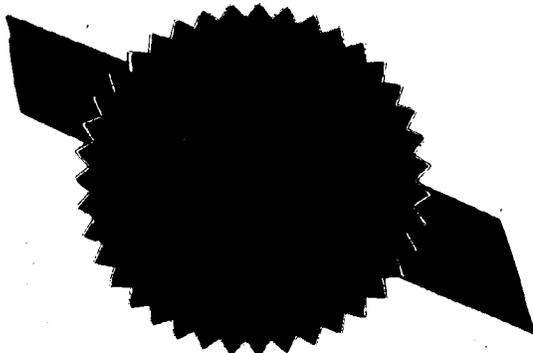
WHEREAS, the Muslim faith is among the fastest growing religious communities in the United States, comprised of almost 2.35 million followers; and

WHEREAS, the United States of America was established by persecuted religious groups who wanted the freedom to practice their religion; and

WHEREAS, Contra Costa County is home to diverse religious groups and varying faiths including some 7,000 adherents of the Muslim faith; and

WHEREAS, the Islamic Faith will be hosting their 63rd Annual Jalsa Salana USA at the Pennsylvania Complex and Expo Center in Harrisburg, Pennsylvania July 1-3, 2011 with the theme of Celebrating the American and Islamic Concepts of Freedom.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by virtue of the authority vested in me as a member of the Board of Supervisors of Contra Costa County, I hereby proudly commend the efforts of the Muslim faith and the community outreach whereby they encourage their followers to contribute their services.




Federal D. Glover, Supervisor
Contra Costa County District V