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*Muslims who believe in the Messiah,
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U.S. Lawmakers Partner with Ahmadiyya Muslim Community USA to Combat ISIS and Extremism

Republicans and Democrats to Express Bi-Partisan Support of New “True Islam” Campaign and Its 11-Point Challenge

At least six members of U.S. Congress, led by U.S. Congresswoman Jackie Speier (D-CA) and U.S. Congressman Ted Poe (R-TX), Co-Chairs of the Ahmadiyya Muslim Congressional Caucus, will join 75 delegates of the Ahmadiyya Muslim Community USA, along with representatives from the U.S. State Department, U.S. Commission on International Religious Freedom and other faith-based and civic organizations, to support the new “True Islam” campaign (TrueIslam.com).

The campaign, which was formally launched days after the San Bernardino tragedy, clarifies eleven misconceptions about Islam. It challenges Muslims and non-Muslims alike to actively counter the perverse ideology of extremists in the interest of protecting national security. The campaign has received over 3,000 individual endorsements, including many federal and state lawmakers, city officials, members of law enforcement and faith-based communities.

The nation’s largest Muslim organization, the Ahmadiyya Muslim Community USA has led several prior award-winning campaigns, including its annual “Muslims for Life” blood drive initiative to honor the victims of 9/11.

Event: True Islam: A Campaign Against Extremism

When: February 26, 2016 at 9:30-10:30 AM

Where: Rayburn House Office Building, Gold Room

U.S. Capitol Hill

Media Opportunity: U.S. Representatives Jackie Speier (D-CA), Ted Poe (R-TX), Mike Honda (D-CA), Steve Stivers (R-OH), Glenn Grothman (R-WI) and Pete Aguilar (D-CA) are confirmed participants and will deliver remarks. In addition, Brian Bachman, Acting Director of the Office of International Religious Freedom at the U.S. State Department, will also be delivering remarks.

About Ahmadiyya Muslim Community:

Ahmadiyya Muslim Community is a dynamic, reformist and fast-growing international movement within Islam. Founded in 1889, the Community spans more than 200 nations with membership exceeding tens of millions. Ahmadiyya Muslim Community USA, established in 1920, is among the first American-Muslim organizations.

Ahmadiyya Muslim Community is the only Islamic organization to believe that the long-awaited messiah has come in the person of Mirza Ghulam Ahmad (1835-1908) of Qadian, India. Ahmad claimed to be the metaphorical second coming of Jesus of Nazareth and the divine guide, whose advent was foretold by the Prophet of Islam, Muhammad. The Community believes that God sent Ahmad, like Jesus, to end religious wars, condemn bloodshed and reinstitute morality, justice and peace. Ahmad's advent has brought about an unprecedented era of Islamic revival and moderation. He divested Muslims of fanatical beliefs and practices by vigorously championing Islam's true and essential teachings.

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