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*Muslims who believe in the Messiah,
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Ahmadiyya Muslim Community USA to Meet with Hundreds of U.S. Congressional Offices to Discuss Threats to Homeland Security, Refugee Processing

*7th Annual “Day on the Hill” will highlight “True Islam” grassroots
campaign*

Delegates from 75 chapters of America’s oldest Muslim organization are expected to meet with several hundred U.S. Congressional offices in Washington D.C. The annual day of advocacy this year will focus on efforts to combat violent extremism, protect vulnerable religious minorities and empower American Muslims. Congressmen Jim McGovern (D-MA) and Pete Aguilar (D-CA) will address the attendees in the morning to launch this annual event.

A prominent feature of the day of advocacy will be the “True Islam” grassroots campaign to combat the perverse ideology of extremists and better protect national security. The acclaimed “True Islam” campaign has received over 13,000 individual endorsements, including many federal and state lawmakers, city officials, members of law enforcement, and faith-based communities. The #MuslimAlly hashtag promotes awareness on various social media platforms to combat ignorance.

Delegates will also brief U.S. Congressional offices about the newly launched Ahmadiyya Muslim Congressional Caucus for the 115th Congress, Co-Chaired by U.S. Congressional Representatives Peter King (R-NY) and Jackie Speier (D-CA). The Caucus aims to educate members of Congress about the repression of religious minorities worldwide (especially in South Asia and the Middle East), including Ahmadi Muslims, Christians and other persecuted communities.

Event: The True Islam and #MuslimAlly Campaign

When: February 17, 2017 at 10:00-11:00 AM (event starts at 10:00 am sharp)

Where: Cannon House Building, Room 121
U.S. Capitol Hill

Media Opportunity: Congressmen Jim McGovern (D-MA) and Pete Aguilar (D-CA) will be available for interviews. Imam Azhar Haneef, Missionary In-charge and National Vice President of the Ahmadiyya Muslim Community USA, will deliver remarks on religious freedom, civil rights, and national security.

About Ahmadiyya Muslim Community:

The 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. The Ahmadiyya Muslim Community USA, established in 1920, is among the first American-Muslim organizations.

The 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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