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Esteemed Member of Congress:

Our Constitution's mandate has held our nation together for centuries, but the seditious acts of pro-Trump insurrectionists on January 6 were a direct threat to our democracy.

We at MPAC want to express alignment with your condemnation of these acts of violence, which [we immediately identified as](#) part of the longue durée of American white supremacy. In no uncertain terms, the attack on our Capitol was an act of domestic terrorism incited by the President of the United States, and fueled by misinformation and white supremacy.

We want to thank you for speaking out against white supremacy and would like to convey our desire and willingness to facilitate your office's initiatives. While we hope to work with you under lighter circumstances in the future, we are grateful for this moment to bring our efforts together.

In 2019, we were honored with the opportunity to offer testimony in a [congressional hearing](#) on white supremacy, where we shared insights from our [policy paper](#) on "The White Supremacist Threat to America." We presented our paper to House Judiciary Committee Chairman Adam Schiff in Los Angeles at an interfaith community forum, where he said that "[every Member of Congress should read](#)" our analysis of the threat and policy recommendations, which include:

- White supremacy is transnational and can be classified as "international terrorism".
- DOJ must enact measures to ensure better reporting and data collection of hate crimes among state, local, and federal governments.
- Congress must impose oversight of the resources (assigned agents, investigations, prosecutions) which DOJ, security, and intelligence agencies apportion to the different types of RMVE (Racially Motivated Violent Extremism).

Due to MPAC's involvement in the policy debates, MPAC President Salam-Al-Marayati was appointed to serve on the [Homeland Security Advisory Council \(HSAC\) task force](#). In their annual report, "[Preventing Targeted Violence Against Faith-Based Communities](#)," HSAC offered several policy recommendations to protect houses of worship from discriminatory violence, including:



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- Coordination between law enforcement and faith communities on security solutions
- Broader access to greater resources for faith-based organizations
- Passage of a statute-defining act identifying the domestic terrorism threat

Agency officials agree that white supremacy is our nation's most clear and present domestic threat, and we have been [willing and able to hold](#) them accountable to the American people you represent. As we move forward together, we must send a bold and clear message to all that white supremacy has no place in our collective future. Due, in no small part, to our shared interest on this fundamental value, the Muslim Public Affairs Council is, and always will be, a resource for your office's initiatives. We hope to explore opportunities for collaboration with your office.

In Gratitude,

The Muslim Public Affairs Council