

Congress of the United States

Washington, DC 20515

June 5, 2026

The Honorable Mike Johnson
Speaker
U.S. House of Representatives
H-232, U.S. Capitol
Washington, D.C. 20515

The Honorable Hakeem Jeffries
Democratic Leader
U.S. House of Representatives
H-204, U.S. Capitol
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The Honorable John Thune
Republican Leader
United States Senate
S-221, U.S. Capitol
Washington, D.C. 20510

The Honorable Charles E. Schumer
Democratic Leader
United States Senate
S-221, U.S. Capitol
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Re: Opposing the Anti-Muslim “Sharia-Free America Caucus” and Related Legislation

Dear Speaker Johnson, Leader Jeffries, Leader Thune, and Leader Schumer:

We write as Members of Congress to express serious concern regarding the establishment of the bicameral, anti-Muslim, self-styled “Sharia-Free America Caucus” and its connection to anti-Muslim legislation that singles out the faith tradition of American Muslims, one of many faith traditions that have shaped the United States since its founding. The premise underlying this caucus and the measures associated with it reflects longstanding Islamophobic narratives and anti-Muslim sentiment rather than any demonstrated policy need.

Legislation being advanced from members associated with this hateful caucus includes the:

- Preserving a Sharia-Free America Act (H.R. 5722 / S. 3009)
- No Shari’a Act (H.R. 5512 / S. 3008)
- Protecting Puppies from Sharia Act (H.R. 7611)

These proposals address no identifiable gap in U.S. law and raise serious constitutional concerns. The U.S. Constitution already makes clear that federal and state law govern civil and criminal matters, and courts have repeatedly invalidated measures that single out a particular religion for disfavored treatment. In *Awad v. Ziriax* (2013), the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Tenth Circuit permanently enjoined Oklahoma’s “Sharia ban” as a violation of the First Amendment.

Congress faces urgent national priorities. Devoting floor time to legislation rooted in religious targeting would be a misuse of limited institutional resources. Leadership plays a decisive role in determining what legislation advances, and we respectfully urge that these measures not be scheduled for floor consideration.

We further urge leadership to speak clearly against initiatives that stigmatize a religious community. Legislation explicitly targeting Catholic Canon law or Jewish Halakha would rightly

be rejected as discriminatory; proposals aimed at Islamic practices should be treated no differently. Allowing such efforts to proceed risks normalizing religious discrimination within Congress itself.

For these reasons, we respectfully request that House and Senate leadership:


1. Publicly reaffirm Congress's commitment to religious liberty and neutrality;
2. Reject efforts rooted in anti-Muslim bias; and
3. Refrain from scheduling the above-referenced legislation for floor consideration.

Sharia, like Catholic canon law and Jewish Halakha, is a system of personal religious guidance developed through centuries of religious scholarship. For American Muslims, it primarily governs matters of faith and ethics, such as prayer, charity, honesty, family responsibilities, and service to others, and does not supersede U.S. law. Islamic teachings emphasize that Muslims should honor the laws of the country in which one resides.


To be clear, American Muslims serve this nation in every capacity and are entitled to the same constitutional protections as all other Americans. They are guided by both faith and civic responsibility to respect the U.S. Constitution, follow the law, and contribute positively to their communities and to the nation they call home. Congress must not legitimize anti-Muslim proposals that undermine those protections or foster division among the people we represent.

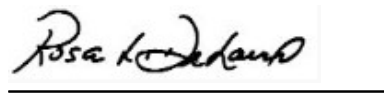
Thank you for your attention to this matter and for your leadership in upholding the constitutional principles that unite our nation.


Sincerely,



James E. Clyburn
Member of Congress

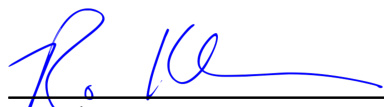

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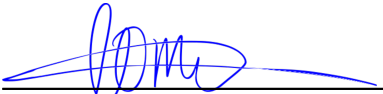

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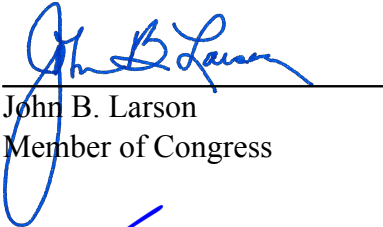
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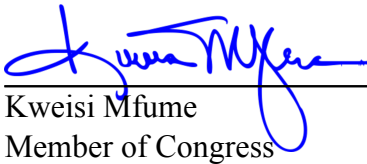
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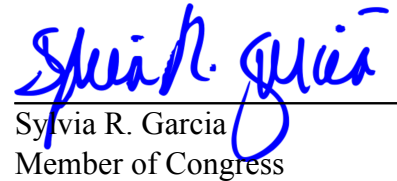
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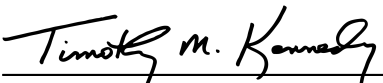
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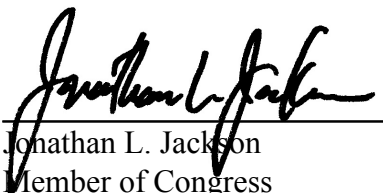
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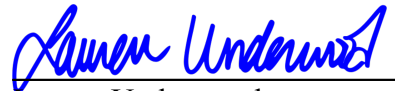
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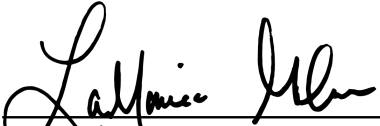
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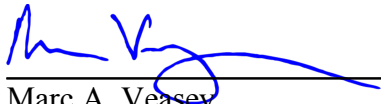
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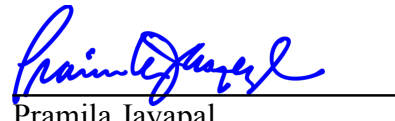
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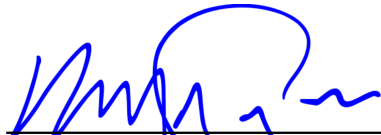
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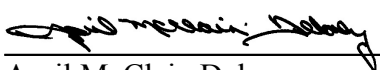
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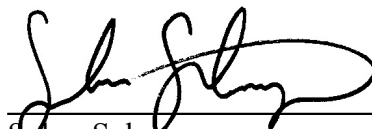
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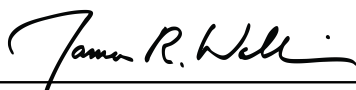
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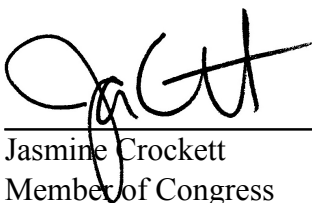
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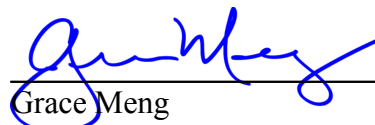
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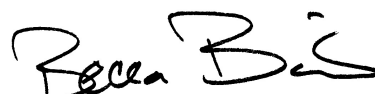
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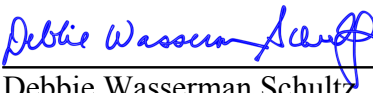
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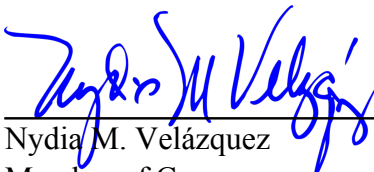
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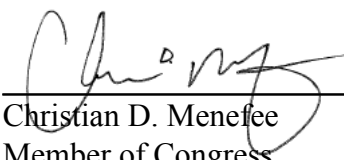
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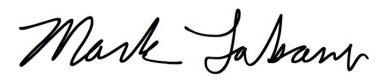
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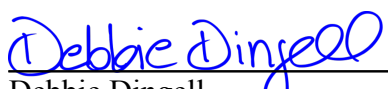
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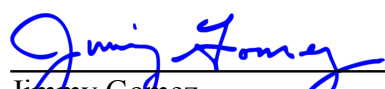
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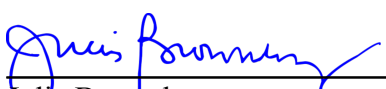
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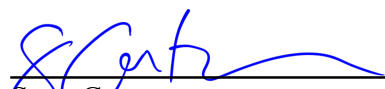
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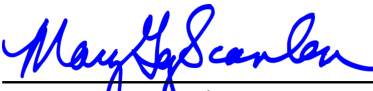
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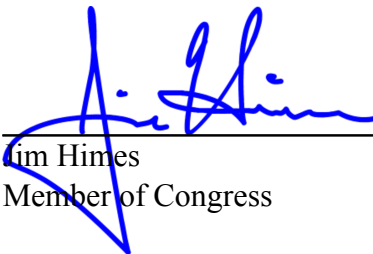
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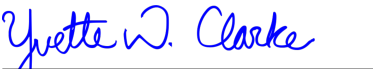
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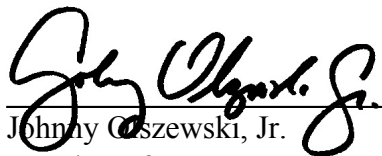
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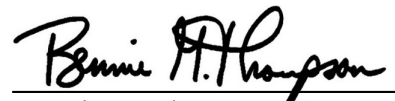
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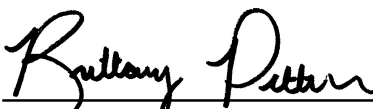
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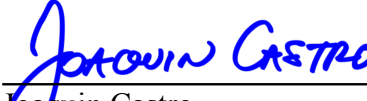
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