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The Honorable Todd Spitzer
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Garden Grove Police Chief
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The Honorable Don Barnes
Orange County Sheriff
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Dear District Attorney Spitzer, Chief El-Farra, and Sheriff Barnes,

I write to urge you to take action against the recent violent online threats against the Islamic Society of Orange County (ISOC).

For over 50 years, ISOC has served as a center of faith and service for Orange County. It was the first mosque established in the region and is one of the largest Islamic centers in the U.S. that hosts interfaith and community programs. It stands as a sanctuary of peaceful worship and a vital hub for community enrichment. ISOC operates a K-12 school and is an official Orange County Food Bank partner. It is a cornerstone of our community, especially for our Muslim neighbors.

As you may know, ISOC recently announced plans to expand its services at its Garden Grove home base. In response, a spate of violent online posters have started an Islamophobic smear campaign, falsely claiming that ISOC is promoting anti-American values. These perpetrators are instigating a surge of hateful rhetoric and threats of violence. While these threats have not yet escalated to physical violence, we cannot let them. We must work together to protect the mosque and its members.

I strongly encourage you to allocate the appropriate resources to protect the ISOC community and to ensure those responsible for these violent threats are found, investigated, and brought to justice. These threats cannot be allowed to continue or escalate. I stand ready to work with you to ensure these resources are provided. Thank you for your urgent attention to this critical matter.

Sincerely,



Derek T. Tran
Member of Congress