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Re: MUR 5281

Dear Mr. Jordan:

We are in receipt of your letter dated July 5, 2002, enclosing a complaint against the American Muslim Council (AMC) received by your office, which alleges a violation for a communication about Congressman Hilliard that is attached to the complaint.

AMC denies completely that it has violated the Federal Election Campaign Act in educating its members and the public about the positions taken by elected officials, such as Congressman Hilliard, and issues, such as their support for Muslim causes, which affect their elections.

Moreover, AMC asserts its First Amendment right to advocate member and public support for those who support Muslim issues. This is not engaging in political endorsements. Rather, it is in keeping with the mission of AMC to politically educate the Muslim community in order that the seven million Muslim American citizens can effectively and meaningfully participate in America's political process.

Please feel free to contact me if there is any additional information or clarification that we can provide. Your consideration is appreciated.

Sincerely yours,



Eric E. Vickers
Executive Director

Cc: AMC Board