

**Subject:** Your Racist Statement Has Endangered All of Us

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A message to each individual who signed the October 10, 2023 statement addressing the conflict in Palestine and Israel:

Your statement is so inherently racist, it makes me feel unsafe. Your duty is to represent your constituents and that means EVERYONE, including Muslim Americans who reside in Orange County. How dare you as elected officials make me and my family feel unsafe and targeted?

Your own statement which makes clear that you have no qualms about fostering racism and discrimination based on religion. Your statement lacks any sense of "wishy-washiness," per your incredibly eloquent choice words. How dare you take a statement (Allahu Akbar) which praises God and turn it into something nasty? I recite Allahu Akbar every single day in prayer as do the majority of Muslims around the world. The fact that you are conflating this with violence and spreading misinformation is appalling and downright wrong.

It is this kind of misinformation and dangerous rhetoric that puts innocent lives in danger. By now you should be aware of a 6-year-old child who was killed by a racist in Illinois. That racist individual ascribed to the same rhetoric in your letter. He used similar language. He stabbed an innocent child 26 times. He was murdered because people like you make blanket statements about Muslims, Palestinians, and Arabs. You paint us as (to quote you) "bigots" and "barbarians."

Should any harm come to a single Muslim, Arab, or Palestinian in Southern California because of their religious or ethnic origins, their blood will be on your hands.

My family, children, and loved ones deserve to be safe in this country. In Orange County. All three of you, Donald Wagner, Andrew Do, and Katrina Foley, have put our lives in danger.

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