

# Syracuse Rabbinical Council

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Dear Leaders and Members of the Central New York Muslim Community,

We, the members of the Syracuse Rabbinical Council, express our dismay that a presidential candidate, or anyone seeking or holding political office, would consider a ban on entry to the United States based on a religious litmus test. To even suggest banning entry because a person is a Muslim is antithetical to all America stands for. We express our profound disappointment that some of the other candidates have chosen to remain silent about this issue. We also stand in solidarity with our fellow Americans who are Muslim, and will be with you in the fight for justice and religious freedom, and against Islamaphobia and discrimination against Muslims. The Syracuse Rabbinical Council cannot and will not stand idly by! We speak out for American values in this season when, Hanukkah, the Jewish holiday of religious freedom, is still fresh in our minds.

In solidarity,



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