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Mr. Edward B. Murray
Mayor of Seattle
P.O. Box 94749
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Dear Mayor Murray,

I am the Executive Officer of the Society for the Study of Social Problems (SSSP), one of the oldest and most respected social science professional organizations in the United States. As a social justice organization, the Society's membership passed a resolution at its annual meeting in Seattle this past August expressing solidarity with Muslim communities in light of recent and mounting attacks against Islam and all Muslims, including a proposed ban against Muslims by a major-party presidential candidate. This ban and other attacks have been prompted by the acts of terrorists claiming that they are acting in the name of Islam. They are not acting in the name of Islam any more than a Christian who murders a doctor who performs abortions is acting in the name of Christianity.

Attached is a copy of the resolution. Please feel free to share the resolution with your colleagues. We urge you to use the power of your office to convey a similar message of tolerance and respect to your fellow citizens. Let me add in closing as well, that we enjoyed thoroughly our meeting in your beautiful city. The hospitality extended to us at the Westin, in restaurants, and elsewhere was extraordinary and much appreciated. Thank you very much.

Respectfully,

Héctor L. Delgado, Ph.D.
Executive Officer

Enclosure