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Dear Friends,

I write to extend my appreciation to the Pakistani American Association of Connecticut, the Pakistani American Public Affairs Committee Foundation, and the Connecticut Chapter of Association of Physicians of Pakistani Descent of North America for organizing this important conference on radicalization and de-radicalization. I would also like to single out Dr. M. Saud Anwar for his leadership on these issues.

Let me also thank the Pakistani American Community of Connecticut for the extraordinary contributions you have made to our state and country. I am confident your children will continue and expand all you have done to make America a better country.

As Chairman of the Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs Committee, I have closely studied the threats that homegrown terrorism and domestic radicalization pose to the United States. The strategy of al Qaeda and its ideological allies has been to sow fear, suspicion, and hatred between Muslims and non-Muslims, including here in the United States. Because of that, we have a special responsibility to stand united as Americans—Muslims and non-Muslims alike—and work together to understand and defeat the extremist ideology that threatens us all.

This conference represents a valuable and patriotic contribution toward that goal. I thank you for your attention to this critical issue, and I look forward to working closely with you in the future to protect our country from the scourge of homegrown terrorism.

Sincerely,



Joseph I. Lieberman
Chairman