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Re: Response to Synagogue Shooting in Pittsburgh

On behalf of the Muslim community of RI, RICMA (RI Council for Muslim Advancement) would like to jointly express our condolences to the Jewish community in Pittsburgh and across the country for the tragic loss of life in the heinous attack against the Tree of Life Synagogue. We condemn such violence against innocent civilians, particularly in a sanctuary of worship. Our heartfelt prayers are with the victims and their families. We pray for their healing – physically, emotionally and spiritually.

Furthermore, as a community of faith, we firmly assert that such an attack on any individual or community of faith is an attack on all of us. Therefore, we encourage our congregants to reach out to their neighbors who may be grieving in these challenging times to offer prayers and support. Our religious tradition teaches us to respond to such hatred with love, and to such violence with peace. We pray for our words to convey our deepest sympathies and for our actions to exemplify noblest character.

With peace,

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