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The Honorable Raymond Kelly
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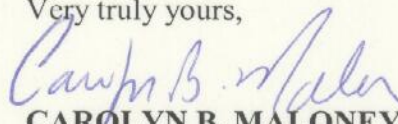
Dear Commissioner Kelly,

I was disturbed to learn that *The Third Jihad* was used as a training film for the New York Police Department (NYPD). The film is a one-sided attack on the entire Muslim community that suggests, among other things, that there is a Muslim plan to conquer Europe by out-populating the continent, that there is broad support for suicide bombing among the American Muslim community and that the goal of the American Muslim community is to have an Islamic flag fly over the White House. I was pleased that the film has been withdrawn and that you are taking this matter seriously.

I have been contacted by constituents who expressed serious concerns with the NYPD's use of this film. In order to assist me in responding to their concerns, I would like to know how *The Third Jihad* was selected to be shown during training sessions. I understand that it was shown to nearly 1,500 police officers over a period of several months. Why did it take so long for the NYPD to recognize that *The Third Jihad* is not an appropriate training film? What steps is the NYPD taking to insure that there is a review process in place to filter out biased materials such as this? Lastly, please let me know what is being done to counteract the negative stereotyping contained in the film with a more balanced portrait of the Muslim community.

Ethnic, religious and racial minorities have the right to expect that members of the NYPD will treat them fairly. Biased training materials increase the risk that intolerance will prevail. I hope that the NYPD will do a better job in the future of screening out biased materials in its training programs. I look forward to your prompt response to these concerns, consistent with all applicable rules and regulations.

Very truly yours,


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