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Colonel Martin:

The Muslim Brotherhood and CAIR have long made their goals clear: to forcibly impose Sharia law and establish Islam's "mastership of the world." The actions taken by the Muslim Brotherhood and CAIR to support terrorism across the globe and subvert our laws through violence, intimidation, and harassment are unacceptable and have no place in Texas.

From its founding to the present day, the Muslim Brotherhood has sought to forcibly install an Islamic Caliphate through numerous splinter groups. One such group, Hamas, was formed as the Brotherhood's Palestinian branch in 1987. Federal investigators and court filings identify CAIR as a direct subsidiary of the Muslim Brotherhood and Hamas' "front group" in the United States.¹ As one federal court put it in one of the largest terrorism financing cases in American history, there is "ample evidence to establish" that CAIR is associated "with Hamas."² Just this week, the *New York Post* reported that CAIR awarded \$1,000 in cash grants to university students who disrupted classes and intimidated and harassed fellow students while celebrating Hamas' October 7th attack.³ Promoting violence and other unlawful activities undermines the State's ability to maintain law and order, placing communities and campuses at risk.

To that end, I am directing the Texas Department of Public Safety to immediately take the following actions:

- Work with Joint Terrorism Task Forces around the State to leverage federal partnerships to gather intelligence and initiate investigations as appropriate;

¹ Lorenzo Vidino, *The Hamas Networks in America: A Short History*, GEORGE WASHINGTON UNIVERSITY PROGRAM ON EXTREMISM (Oct. 2023), <https://extremism.gwu.edu/sites/g/files/zaxdzs5746/files/2023-10/hamas-networks-final.pdf>; Lara Burns et al., *CAIR—Why History Is Important*, GEORGE WASHINGTON UNIVERSITY PROGRAM ON EXTREMISM (Nov. 2025), https://extremism.gwu.edu/sites/g/files/zaxdzs5746/files/2025-11/CAIR_Revised.pdf.

² *United States v. Holy Land Found. for Relief & Dev.*, No. 3:04-cv-240, 2009 WL 10680203, at *7–8 (N.D. Tex. July 1, 2009).

³ Isabel Vincent, *Muslim Group CAIR Cutting \$1,000 Checks for Anti-Israel Agitators Who Have Been Disciplined by Colleges*, N.Y. POST (Nov. 18, 2025), <https://nypost.com/2025/11/18/us-news/muslim-group-cair-cutting-1000-checks-for-anti-israel-agitators-who-have-been-disciplined-by-colleges/>.

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- Utilize combined intelligence, technologies, and techniques to investigate criminal organizations regarding illicit funding and money laundering activities;
- Partner with the Texas Attorney General's Office to leverage expertise and oversight of nonprofit organizations such as CAIR;
- Identify and initiate criminal investigations, when appropriate, on any individual or entity seeking to enforce any law outside of, or contrary to, state or federal law, or conspiring to engage in criminal activities across the State; and
- When appropriate, utilize Texas' Terrorist Offender Registration Program.

The Texas Department of Public Safety should proactively work to disrupt any group seeking to unlawfully establish or promote a breeding ground for radicalism in this State.

We must aggressively confront individuals or groups who seek to unlawfully proliferate radical Islamic ideology, including attempts to impose Sharia law, fully recognizing the threat it presents to the security and sovereignty of the State of Texas and its people.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Greg Abbott", written in a cursive style.

Greg Abbott
Governor