

Dear Karen Hagerty,

I am writing to you in regards of the two million dollar camp for the Muslim Youth Camps of America. I recently heard about this project through an organization named CAIR and I immediately became concerned after hearing the fierce opposition to the plan. I understand that many are concerned about noise, traffic and so forth; however, I am truly concerned about the racist remarks that many people have made. I deeply feel that many of these people are making excuses because they do not want Muslims to be a part of the community. This is very obvious from the statements that were blatantly made.

I am tremendously relieved to hear that the Corps is complying with all national security requirements and will not discriminate by race or religion. I want to deeply extend my thanks to your agency for making this brave statement. Tolerance towards people of other faith needs to be made in this day and age so that people can understand one another. I recently heard that there are around 15,000 brave Muslims who are in service throughout the various military branches of the United States.

In conclusion, the Muslim Youth Camp will provide a safe atmosphere for Muslims to practice their beliefs and religion with freedom. Manzoor Ali, chairman of the board of directors of the camp organization, stated that the allegations that the camp was associated with terrorists are unfounded. Again, thank you for your brave statements in rejecting the discrimination and I strongly urge you to consider allowing the Muslim Americans to have this camp. Thank you for your time.

Regards,

Omar Smaidy

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Omar Smaidy". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned below the typed name.