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GOVERNOR

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Imam Abdul-Rahman Yaki  
Islamic Center of the Capital District  
21 Lansing Road North  
Schenectady, NY 12304

Dear Imam Yaki:

It was great to be with you for our inaugural "No Hate In Our State" security grants conference at the Javits Center. Thank you very much for joining us and for delivering the benediction.

The devastating rise of intolerance, hate, and discrimination contradicts our core values and who we are as a State and country and we must stand together in order to keep our citizens safe. With a new commitment and new mindset, we will help protect our most vulnerable populations and send a strong message that these hateful acts have no place in New York.

Despite the painful reality of our current situation, I'm proud to unite in solidarity and strength and take aggressive action in order to ensure public safety for our communities. Together, we will condemn these violent attacks against our people and show the path of righteousness, and I thank you for your support in these vital efforts.

With warmest regards and best wishes.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Andrew M. Cuomo".

ANDREW M. CUOMO