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Tennesseans Must Unite Against Targeted Violence

NASHVILLE, TN: Tennessee Muslims call for unity and action in response to the horrific mass murder that took place yesterday in San Bernardino, California.

We are mortified by this appalling attack, and we ask that all Tennesseans join us in honoring the victims with our thoughts and prayers as well as our mutual commitment to act according to our Nation's highest ideals.

As we have seen in just the last few weeks, targeted violence has become an epidemic constantly plaguing our nation. In response, we as leaders in the Tennessee Muslim community reaffirm our longstanding commitment to work with and support law enforcement at all levels, and we call on all communities to do the same.

Reports indicate that the shooters were named Syed Rizwan Farook and Tashfeen Malik. They were heavily armed with rifles, guns and explosive devices. They also had stockpiled ammunition, all of which is an indication that their vile actions were premeditated.

Like all people of faith, we completely reject any hateful ideology that would motivate violence between neighbors or wreck such havoc on the lives of the innocent.

"During this time of suffering and unprecedented violence I ask Our Creator to keep all of us safe. Now, more than ever, it is a time for patience, the rule of law and the rejection of all voices seeking to divide us along religious, political or ethnic lines. May God bless America, and may we work together – as one nation – to properly address the surge of violence that harms us all." – Paul Galloway, Executive Director of the American Muslim Advisory Council (AMAC)

The American Muslim Advisory Council serves as a bridge between the Tennessee Muslim community and federal, state, and local law enforcement as well as other government and private agencies. AMAC's mission is to foster mutual trust and help protect all Tennesseans against prejudice, terrorism, and other criminal acts through education, communication, and empowerment.

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