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The Interfaith Round Table of Washtenaw County stands strongly against actions that unfairly target any group of people. We stand with our neighbors who are affected by the recent executive order that bars people entering the United States from seven majority-Muslim nations. As people of faith, we are united as one human family, and, regardless of our political leanings, we strongly believe that our faith traditions are diverse and a beautiful part of our world, not something to be feared.

We recognize our government's obligation to protect us from foreign and domestic threats and respect the laws of our country, but disagree with any actions that unfairly discriminate against any single group of refugees or immigrants. The 'One Human Family' campaign in our area speaks clearly that our faith communities stand together in support of all those who are suffering and are in need of support.

The Interfaith Round Table is reaching out to our Muslim neighbors to first check-in with them, to also to see how they are doing, and to ask how we may be of assistance. We invite you to join us in reaching out and discovering how we as members of the broad faith communities can help raise awareness to all of the needs and safety of our Muslim family. We need to stay engaged in open minded conversation with people who hold different view-points in pursuit of common action for the betterment of our community and those most at risk of harm. The Interfaith Round Table will engage religious leadership in our area to help create connections and support for Muslims in our area. We will also endeavor to provide programming to the broader community that offers the deeper wisdom and knowledge that serve to build bridges to everyone in these difficult times.