

JEWISH VOICE FOR PEACE
Philadelphia Chapter

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Council on Islamic-American Relations, Pennsylvania
1218 Chestnut Street, Suite 510
Philadelphia, PA 19107

Re: Council on American-Islamic Relations

Dear Board and Staff of CAIR-PA:

I am writing on behalf of the Philadelphia Chapter of Jewish Voice for Peace, a diverse and democratic national organization of activists inspired by Jewish tradition to work together for peace, social justice, and human rights.

Jewish Voice for Peace - Philadelphia believes that the Council on Islamic-American Relations, Pennsylvania, is engaged in some of the most urgent civil rights work currently being done in the Commonwealth. As Jews, we know the importance of building interfaith connections and trust. We regret that some voices of intolerance or bigotry within our community have sought in recent days to discredit CAIR-PA or its members. In past decades and centuries, Jews have themselves been the targets of racist smear tactics. Today's Jewish leaders should know better than to mount such a campaign against people who have served as bridge-builders between diverse communities in Pennsylvania.

As Jews, as Pennsylvanians, as people of conscience, we support CAIR-PA's efforts to promote justice and mutual understanding and hope that they continue long into the future. We look forward to working with you in that struggle.

In peace, B'shalom, As-Salaam-Aleikum,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Hannah Schwarzschild', with a large, stylized flourish extending from the end of the name.

Hannah Schwarzschild
On behalf of Jewish Voice for Peace- Philadelphia