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Re: Dr. Mohamed Mahdi Qatanani

Dear Ms. Slovinsky:

On behalf of the members of the New Jersey Commission on Civil Rights, we ask that you accept this correspondence regarding the application for citizenship of Dr. Mohamed Mahdi Qatanani, the Imam of the Islamic Center of Passaic County, and include same in your submissions to the Court.

The New Jersey Commission on Civil Rights is an advisory body established to assist in fostering respect for all persons in New Jersey regardless of race, color, creed, national origin, nationality, disability, ancestry, marital, domestic or civil union status, sexual orientation, gender identity or expression, or service in the Armed Forces.

We collectively write to support the extension of full due process rights to all parties that appear before the Immigration Court, including Imam Qatanani. Those important rights include ensuring a fair and impartial hearing for all persons that appear before the Court.

Respectfully submitted,

Dr. Joan Rivitz, *Chairperson*
New Jersey Commission on Civil Rights

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