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The Honorable (First Name) (Last Name) State (Senate or Representative) 2300 North Lincoln Blvd. (Room No) Oklahoma City, OK 73105

Dear Representative (name):

As an Oklahoman and compassionate human being, I am writing you for assistance to help stop the hate rhetoric happening at the state capitol.

We are all in mourning over the tragic events that happened in Moore, but I'm asking you to help stop state leaders from making sweeping assertions that link all Muslims to terrorist groups. Such associations are dangerous and only amplify a volatile environment. I'm not only fearful for my Muslim friends, but also every other Oklahoman who could easily land in the crossfire of a hate crime. Muslims are being targeted and no peaceful, law-abiding citizen deserves this – especially in a state that prides itself on friendliness.

Furthermore, the comments from our governor after the U.S. Supreme Court's recent decision that legalized same-sex marriage in Oklahoma suggested our gay and lesbian community somehow doesn't represent "Oklahoma values."

As an Oklahoman, my values include loving my neighbor.

The words and actions of some of our elected officials are very concerning in the type of environment they are creating in Oklahoma. We simply ask that our citizens and leaders allow their neighbors to live here in peace with the same rights and privileges, regardless of their religious affiliations or sexual orientation.

As Oklahomans, we're better than that. And from our elected officials, we expect better. We expect statesmanship. We expect leadership. And above all, we expect honor.

Please fulfill your role as a state representative and elected official by protecting your entire constituency and standing up against the ignorant rhetoric being perpetuated at the state capitol. Make a stand by signing the online Oklahoma Unites Unity Pledge at www.tulsaunites.com, and show your commitment for a united Oklahoma.

Sincerely, (Your Name)