



August 5, 2005

Dear Friends:

I write to congratulate you on participating in this important event. I am proud of the way so many Connecticut Muslims are speaking out forcefully against terrorism. I would like to thank, in particular, the Pakistani American Association of Connecticut (PAACT), the Pakistani American Public Affairs Committee (PAKPAC), and the Association of Pakistani Physicians of North America CT Chapter (APPNA) for organizing this important rally.

Regrettably, as the recent terrorist attacks in London and the failed bombings two weeks later make all too clear, terrorism remains an ever present threat. The London bombings once again highlighted the brutality of those individuals who would callously, and purposively take the lives of innocent men, women and children. But such savage attacks will not shake our resolve or determination to protect our freedom and way of life.

Terrorists seek to divide us. That is why initiatives such as this rally are so important. They bring people together. They communicate a powerful message to the world that our communities are united in their determination to defeat this terrible scourge. They state loudly and clearly that terrorism will never be tolerated: no matter the cause, no matter the ideology. Thank you once again for your contributions and your commitment to this important effort.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Chris. Dodd", written in a cursive style.