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Dear Friends:

I regret I am unable to join you today as you gather together as Muslims and as Americans to rally against terrorism.

I am grateful to the Pakistani American Association of Connecticut, and the other sponsoring organizations for holding this important event. By gathering here today, you not only send a strong message of our nation's united stand against terror, you also acknowledge and demonstrate the need for all Americans to raise their voices and participate in our public discourse.

As recent events have demonstrated, it is true that we live in an age where one or a handful of misguided fanatics can do great damage to our society. However, it is equally true that all of us as individuals possess a similar power to stand up and commit ourselves to the principles of freedom, liberty and self-determination. By combining your individual voices today, you have broadcast to those who would harm our society that all Americans stand united in defense of our way of life.

Once again, I regret I am unable to join you today for this important event. Please know that my thoughts are with you as you come together to express your solidarity against terrorism.

Very truly yours,

Nancy L. Johnson
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