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Dr. M. Saud Anwar
 281 Hartford Turnpike
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Dear Dr. Anwar:

Thank you for inviting me to be with you today at this wonderful rally. Although my schedule prevents me from attending please allow me to extend my gratitude to the organizers and participants of this important event.

Since the September 11, 2001 attacks on America, the nation of Pakistan and the Pakistani American community have stood with America in opposition to terrorism and the ideology of hate. After 9/11 the nation of Pakistan condemned the attacks and President Pervez Musharraf pledged his nation's "unstinted cooperation." Despite residing in a turbulent part of the world, Pakistan became a major ally in the campaign against al Qaeda and global terrorism. Pakistan permitted U.S. troops to use two Pakistani airfields, shared intelligence with the United States, authorized Pakistani troops to help track terrorists and worked with the FBI to apprehend suspected al Qaeda and Taliban fugitives who sought refuge in northern Pakistan.

Your participation in today's rally sends a strong message to our state, our nation and to the world that the Pakistani American community rejects the darkness of terrorism and violence and stands firmly in support of freedom, justice and America.

Thank you for your contribution.

All the best,


 Rob Simmons
 Member of Congress
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Thank you for standing up against those who use terror !!