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I am proud to recognize the important work and contributions of the Council of Islamic-American Relations – San Francisco Bay Area (CAIR-SFBA) on the occasion of its 25th anniversary to celebrate your work protecting civil liberties, empowering American Muslims and building coalitions that promote justice and mutual understanding.

For 25 years CAIR-SFBA has served the nine county Bay Area's nearly 250,000 Muslims as a nonprofit 501(c)(3), grassroots civil rights and advocacy group, becoming the largest Muslim American group in the country.

CAIR's mission is to enhance understanding of Islam, protect civil rights, promote justice, and empower American Muslims through casework, civic engagement, youth empowerment and advocacy is laudatory and successful.

For more than 25 years, CAIR-SFBA has provided civil rights legal services to individuals facing discrimination because of their Muslim identity. Since 2016, and the increase in hateful rhetoric and violence toward Muslims Americans and immigrants, CAIR-SFBA has been a leader in rapid response and immigration services.

The work of CAIR-SFBA on the local level to advance Sanctuary City movement and banning facial recognition software, to Muslim Day of Advocacy in Sacramento has built a more democratic community and keeps us all safer.

In 2019, The California State Legislature designated August as Muslim Appreciation and Awareness Month for a fourth year through HR 48. From athletics to academics, the arts to medicine and the judiciary, public service to high tech, the contributions of one million Californians who are Muslim American and Muslim immigrants are protected and promoted by CAIR-SFBA.

Congratulations on 25 years of success and best wishes for another.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Nancy Skinner".

Nancy Skinner
Senator, District 9