

Appendix B



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To our Muslim friends and the U-M community at large,

We, as members of LSA Student Government, are appalled by recent [acts of vandalism committed in the prayer room at Arizona State University](#). The desecration of the Islamic holy book, the Quran, as well as considerable damage to the prayer space stand out as abhorrent acts of defilement and dishonor. We recognize that such attacks on religious items and spaces are utilized as a tool to incite fear of physical harm amongst marginalized communities. We stand committed in our goal to foster a diverse, inclusive, and equitable environment at the College of Literature, Science, and the Arts, as well as the wider university community. In that vein, we unequivocally condemn such actions of vandalism and affirm our support and solidarity with clubs, organizations, and groups committed to providing safe spaces for minority communities and people of faith to practice customs and worship freely.

On our own campus, we are dedicated to combating all acts of racism, prejudice, and actions rooted in fear-mongering, hatred, and bigotry, such as this recent Islamophobic attack. Islamophobia has a long and wide ranging history in this country and at U-M, ranging from anti-Muslim graffiti and slurs to physical threats; this attack is not a new development but rather part of a larger pattern of the systematic vilification of Muslims, particularly women donning a *hijab*, and [assaults on mosques](#). We further recognize that [Islamophobic sentiments have been weaponized as a tool to discredit Muslim activists, speakers, organizations, and thinkers](#).

Thus, we are resolved to stand in solidarity with initiatives dedicated to [curbing the rise in Islamophobia](#). We hope to see the University take further action in addressing the concerns of the entire student body, particularly marginalized and minority groups. Further action on expanding existing prayer spaces and reflection rooms for people of faith is vital to a more equitable environment on campus.

We urge students to email local representatives and spread the word about bill H.R.5665 to establish an Office to Monitor and Combat Islamophobia.

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