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SUBJECT: Request for DOJ to Probe Arkansas Gun Range that Refuses Service to Muslims

Dear Attorney General Holder:

I am writing to ask that the U.S. Department of Justice investigate Jan Morgan and her gun range “The Gun Cave Indoor Firing Range” for banning all Muslims from her business and declaring it a “Muslim-free zone.” Her gun range is located at 1225 Blacksnake Road in Hot Springs, Arkansas. The business number is (501) 767-9944.

Please see the publicity here – <http://newsok.com/muslims-banned-arkansas-gun-range-owner-declares-business-muslim-free-zone/article/5347004>; <http://janmorganmedia.com/2014/09/business-muslim-free-zone/#5LXiUUG8sImSPioW.99>; <http://www.nydailynews.com/news/national/arkansas-gun-nut-declares-shooting-range-muslim-free-zone-article-1.1959308>

Ms. Morgan notes having been told by ATF agents, when receiving her federal firearms license, that “if we feel any reason for concern about selling someone a firearm, even sense that something is not right about an individual, or if we are concerned about that persons mental state, even if they pass a background check, we do not have to sell that person a gun. Two different ATF agents stressed that it is better to err on the side of caution.” Ms. Morgan appears to be misinterpreting the advice given to her and refusing service to all Muslims, which cannot be a correct interpretation of compliance with federal gun laws and the U.S. Constitution.

Given the recent spike in anti-Muslim rhetoric, including Islamophobic statements by government officials, community leaders, and media outlets, death threats, and other bias incidents targeting Muslims, I urge you to investigate this matter soon. CAIR believes that systematically banning Muslims from a place of business is a violation of federal laws prohibiting racial and religious discrimination and will inevitably result in a hostile environment for ordinary Muslims in Arkansas.

I thank you in advance for your prompt attention to this important matter.

Sincerely,

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