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Maryland Board of Physicians  
Department of Health  
4201 Patterson Avenue  
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Subject: Update on Formal Complaint Against Dr. Darren Klugman, MD, Medical License #D89740

Dear Members of the Maryland Board of Physicians:

Earlier this week, I wrote on behalf of the Maryland office of the Council on American-Islamic Relations (CAIR) to submit a formal complaint calling for an immediate investigation confirming the validity of deeply troubling posts attributed to Dr. Darren Klugman, MD, and for his medical license to be revoked effective immediately if they are substantiated to be authentic. CAIR is America's largest Muslim civil rights and advocacy organization.

**My office has received confirmation that these social media posts were indeed made by Dr. Klugman.** In order to protect vulnerable populations and the integrity of medical institutions in our state, and to restore some measure of trust among families who seek medical care, **we are now calling for Dr. Klugman's medical license to be revoked effective immediately.**

These social media posts attributed to him were recently brought to our office's attention, and have raised substantial ethical and professional concerns. Examples of his recent social media activity (See Appendix A) promoting violent views and racist ideologies, and exposing deep-rooted animus towards an entire ethno-national group have irrevocably tarnished his credibility and integrity.

In these posts, Dr. Klugman smears Palestinians as "barbaric animals," expresses his support for their "large scale slaughter" and forced displacement, and labels them as "people who rape and murder civilians."

The shocking comments, which have been widely shared and circulated, have caused deep distress within communities across Baltimore, and have sparked legitimate fears about the potential impact of such sentiments on the well-being of vulnerable populations – particularly,

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Dr. Klugman's patients at the Johns Hopkins Children's Center, where he serves as Director of the Pediatric Cardiac Critical Care Unit.

The hospital is located in the heart of a very diverse city which is also home to many Palestinian-American families, some who have had family members killed in Gaza. A significant number of patients travel to Johns Hopkins Hospital from Arab and Muslim countries each year to receive what they perceive as world-class care.

We've learned from healthcare workers at Johns Hopkins Hospital that some of these families feel shocked and deeply betrayed by hospital administrators' delay in handling this situation. Our office has also heard from families whose children have received care both in Dr. Klugman's unit and throughout the hospital, who are now second-guessing medical decisions that have been made during their stay.

CAIR was forwarded Dr. Klugman's apology that he reportedly emailed to some of his colleagues following the controversy that erupted earlier this week regarding his posts; unfortunately, the apology is being perceived by many as an effort to protect professional and personal interests, rather than as a gesture of genuine remorse or regret for his views.

As you are aware, the medical profession holds a position of great trust in society, and physicians are expected to adhere to the highest standards of professionalism, integrity, and ethical conduct. The views expressed by Dr. Klugman on social media not only violate these principles, but also call into question his ability to provide non-biased, compassionate care to patients of diverse backgrounds. **Trust – an integral component of the doctor/patient relationship – has been irreparably harmed** among colleagues and patients' families.

Therefore, we are calling on **Johns Hopkins Hospital to terminate Dr. Klugman's employment effective immediately**, and we are calling on the **Maryland Board of Physicians to revoke his medical license, also effective immediately**. These measures are necessary in order to preserve the integrity of healthcare systems in our state, restore some measure of community confidence within your body, and maintain the highest standards of compassionate care, professionalism and ethical conduct.

As we navigate this ordeal, CAIR urges you to also issue a written reminder to healthcare workers statewide that, regardless of global events or personal viewpoints, they must be able to demonstrate that they can objectively and impartially care for all diverse patient populations with the utmost care and diligence.

We believe that addressing this matter promptly and transparently is essential in upholding the values of the medical profession and safeguarding the well-being of patients in Maryland. We thank you for your attention to this serious matter, and look forward to your response.

Sincerely,

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Appendix A

 **Darren Klugman** @DrKlugs · 10/8/23 ...  
These are the Palestinians. Blood thirsty morally depraved animals who want nothing short of every inch of Israel and all Jews dead. Stop telling me about peace partners....time to reclaim every inch of Israel for Jews.  
[#hamasattack](#) [#IsraelUnderAttack](#) [#Israel](#)

 **Darren Klugman** @DrKlugs · 10/8/23 ...  
All of you asking for moderation and peace, stare at this beautiful family. Don't look away. Israel has no peace partner w the Palestinians. Barbaric animals w no concern for life. [#Israel](#) [#IsraelUnderAttack](#) [#StandWithIsrael](#)


 **Darren Klugman** @DrKlugs · 10/7/23 ...  
[#Palestinians](#) showing world exactly who they are & what they want- dead Jews & no more [#Israel](#). Just savage animals. @OmriHurwitz Don't talk moderation, peace, Israeli aggression. Time to reclaim Gaza since 2005 & end Iran nuclear program. The time is now. [#IsraelUnderAttack](#)


 I hope you're right. Jordan is 70% Palestinian Arab and the mountains separating Israel from Jordan are a natural, secure border. Israel was never Palestine and Jordan already is.  
2 2 39 1.6K


 **Darren Klugman** @DrKlugs · 10/7/23 ...  
Lots of sand for Palestinians in Sinai which Israel gave to Egypt. Give them all 48h to get there....

 **Mariam Barghouti** مريم البرغوثي · 10/8/23 ...  
Israeli policy-makers are calling quite literally for a large scale slaughter.  
They're demanding for the revival of the Nakba Doctrine— spread out massacres across a year to displace Palestinians.  
62 281 545 32K

 **Darren Klugman** @DrKlugs **Follow** ...  
G-d willing.

 **Mariam Barghouti** مريم البرغوثي · 10/7/23 ...  
Lmao Gazans managed to outdo the most technologically advanced and funded surveillance program in an hour, with almost no resources, and 20 years in a cage.  
64 304 1.3K 62K

 **Darren Klugman** @DrKlugs · 10/7/23 ...  
Says the woman of a people that rape and murder civilians. If nothing else, at least you're a consistent POS  
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