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To The Honorable Colin L. Powell

Dear Mr. Secretary:

On behalf of the Muslim Bar Association of New York, we would like to thank you for your recent comments regarding Muslim Americans. We were deeply moved by your October 19, 2008 statement on *Meet The Press*.

It was so heartening to see someone on the national stage say what so many Muslim Americans have been feeling throughout the campaign season: that there is nothing wrong with being Muslim. In doing so, you not only educated non-Muslims about the valuable contributions that Muslim Americans make, but you inspired Muslim Americans to become more involved in our great society.

As a professional association of Muslim American lawyers and law students who are committed to civic participation, equal access to justice, and the rule of law, we were particularly motivated by your words. When that seven year old Muslim American child does become President some day, we'll remember what Colin Powell said.

With much appreciation,



Asim Rehman, Esq.
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