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Dear Sirs:

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President Pervez Musharraf of Pakistan has very recently declared emergency rule in Pakistan. Forces under Musharraf's command have arrested hundreds of lawyers who have protested his imposition of martial law. They have also muzzled his other critics, including members of the independent media and Justices of Pakistan's Supreme Court who refused to take an oath under the provisional constitution.

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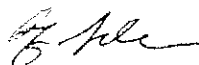
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As members of the Muslim Bar Association of New York (MuBANY), one of the largest regional Muslim bar associations in the United States, we commend you for your courageous efforts and we stand by you in supporting democracy, freedom, the rule of law, and the independence of the judiciary in Pakistan during this difficult period in Pakistan's constitutional history. It is imperative that the constitutional restrictions on the president's powers be observed and that the independence of the other branches of government be respected. The threat of terrorism, while a real concern, does not justify the arrests of political rivals who seek to ensure Pakistan's democratic future.

We are joined by bar associations across the United States who similarly support and admire Pakistan's professional legal community for its praiseworthy actions. We all hope that those in power will realize their gross misadventure and immediately restore the sanctity of Pakistan's Constitution and the independence and authority of the nation's judiciary.

Sincerely,



Afsaan Saleem, Secretary

On behalf of the Officers & Directors of the Muslim Bar Association of New York

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