# AMERICAN-ARAB ANTI-DISCRIMINATION COMMITTEE

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Friends,

We have decided to do something to end discrimination against people of Arab descent.

And we want you to join with us.

In May of 1980, we met in Washington to form the American-Arab Anti-Discrimination Committee (ADC). In our first six months, we have laid the foundations for an effective national movement that can end the negative stereotyping of Arabs and defend the civil rights of Arab-Americans in social, economic, and political life.

Although we have just begun, we are already making our presence felt:

- In coordinated efforts between ADC members and our national office in Washington, we have stopped a number of crude anti-Arab advertising campaigns.

- We have received broad national coverage for our challenge to the disturbing racist implications of ABSCAM. We have also begun a campaign to challenge increasing FBI harassment of Arab-Americans.

- Most importantly, we have begun to organize a broad and coordinated national movement of all Americans committed to ending discrimination against people of Arab descent. Founding events for ADC have already taken place in 9 cities; similar events are planned to launch ADC in some 16 other communities.

We are encouraged by this nation-wide support. We want you to join our movement. Please get your checkbook and send your membership fees today.

Only together can we build an organization to end discrimination and insulting stereotyping of Arab-Americans and all Americans.

Sincerely,

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