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## **Rhode Island Council for Muslim Advancement**

### **Support Democracy in EGYPT**

Millions of Egyptians of all faiths - young and old, men and women - continue to raise their voices and demand their rights of democracy and justice. Egyptians have taken to the streets hoping to put an end to dictatorship, state violence, corruption and poverty. For over 30 years, Mubarak and the Egyptian government has refused to heed the demands of its people, has continued to ignore the misery of its poor, and has persistently denied the elementary rights of humanity.

The Rhode Island Council for Muslim Advancement (RICMA) supports the right of Egyptian people to decide their future through peaceful protests.

We are appalled at the use of violence in response to these protesters and we are optimistic that this time the U.S. government will be on the right side of history to refute oppression and corruption in Egypt and the Middle East as a whole. The U.S. government can help through many means.

RICMA urges President Obama, Secretary of State Hillary Clinton, RI Senators Jack Reed & Sheldon Whitehouse, and House Representatives David Cicilline & James Langevin to:

- Stop supporting the Mubarak's oppressive regime
- Strongly support the right of Egyptian people to demand democracy and justice
- Unequivocally condemn the violent actions of the Egyptian government towards peaceful demonstrators.
- Withdraw military aid to Egypt to pressure the government to respond to the demands of its people, and to stop any attempt by the government or the army to attack the protesters.
- Send a clear message to the Egyptian Military establishment to support and protect the Egyptian people and their revolution not the Mubarak regime

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