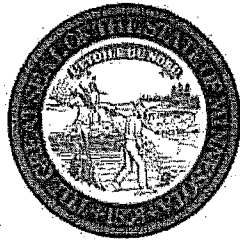


Melissa Hortman
State Representative
Minority Leader
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Minnesota House of Representatives

January 23, 2018

Representative Roz Peterson
521 State Office Building
100 Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd.
Saint Paul, Minnesota 55155

Rep. Peterson:

It has come to my attention that you have invited Raheel Raza to speak to legislators at the Capitol tomorrow. Ms. Raza is an extremist who is associated with anti-Muslim hate groups ACT for America and the Clarion Project.

According to the Southern Poverty Law Center (SPLC):

ACT for America is listed as an anti-Muslim hate group because it pushes wild anti-Muslim conspiracy theories, denigrates American Muslims and deliberately conflates mainstream and radical Islam.

Ms. Raza's hateful agenda includes closing mosques, enforcing a Muslim ban, rejecting refugees, and policing the practice of the Islamic faith.

As elected officials, it's our job to represent diverse views and treat all Minnesotans with respect. Hate is not welcome at the Minnesota State Capitol. As such, I respectfully request you rescind your invitation to Ms. Raza.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Melissa Hortman".

Melissa Hortman
House DFL Leader

