Florida House Passes Bill Slamming Hamas-Linked CAIR



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A controversial "Muslim civil-rights and advocacy" organization experienced a major blow to its reputation last week after the Florida House of Representatives voted overwhelmingly in favor of a resolution to denounce the Council on American-Islamic Relations (CAIR). The rest of the country should follow suit and permanently blacklist this Hamas-linked Islamist group.

Introduced by State Rep. Randy Fine (R-Palm Bay), <u>House Resolution 1209</u> encourages all state and local government agencies in Florida to "suspend contact and outreach activities" with CAIR, citing the group's extensive history of terror connections and anti-Jewish bigotry. The non-binding resolution, which was passed 98-15, comes as CAIR faces growing <u>public disapproval</u> over its extremist rhetoric and

<u>record</u> of pro-Hamas sympathies in the aftermath of Oct. 7, when Hamas massacred more than 1,200 men, women and children in southern Israel.

CAIR is no stranger to public disgrace. Throughout its tumultuous history, the Muslim nonprofit has faced <u>legal</u> <u>scrutiny</u> and survived <u>multiple scandals</u>, yet somehow remains the media's go-to Islamic organization for any topic dealing with Muslims or the Middle East. Until recently, CAIR even belonged to a White House <u>taskforce</u> dealing with antisemitism.

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