

House Democrats Turn to the Wrong Muslims for SOTU

[25 House Democrats](#) are expected to have Muslim guests during Tuesday night's State of the Union speech. It's in response to [formally avoids](#) due to historic ties to a Hamas support network. Delray Beach Rep. Alcee Hastings invited [Sameena Usman](#), a 10-year veteran government relations official with CAIR's San Francisco chapter, the Investigative Project on Terrorism has learned.

CAIR officials routinely [entrapping](#) otherwise innocent and peaceful Muslims in order to gin up terrorism prosecutions. Hamze's colleagues in CAIR-Florida are helping a family [published a notorious poster](#) urging Muslims to "Build a Wall of Resistance [and] Don't Talk to the FBI." For its part, the FBI cut off contact with CAIR, except in investigations, in 2008 based on evidence its agents uncovered which placed CAIR in a Hamas-support network in the United States. Until it can be shown that those connections no longer exist, an FBI official [compared Israel to ISIS](#).



Calls to press contacts in Lofgren and Hastings' offices were not returned Monday.

Last month, the IPT provided [invited to the White House](#) for a discussion about religious discrimination. Then, as with the State of the Union speech, no one from the new Muslim Reform Movement – which issued [sat with Awad](#), the only executive director in the organization's history, at a fundraiser for the Democratic Congressional Campaign Committee.

A seat in the House chamber for the State of the Union bestows undeserved clout to the CAIR officials. And, in trying to show the public that American Muslims are not a monolithic group of radicalized Islamists, Hastings and Lofgren are doing their cause more harm than good.