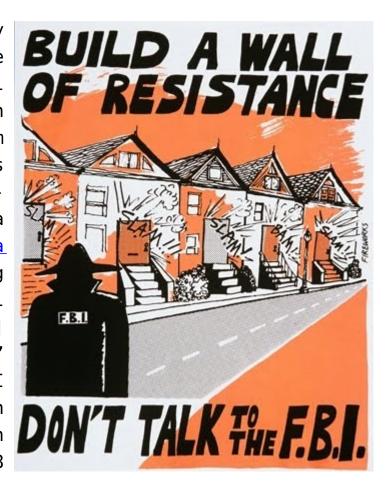
## House Democrats Turn to the Wrong Muslims for SOTU

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 <u>entrapping</u> otherwise innocent and peaceful Muslims in order to gin terrorism uр prosecutions. Hamze's colleagues in CAIR-Florida are helping a family <u>published</u> 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 <u>invited to the White House</u> 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 <u>sat with Awad</u>, 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.