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Muslim Americans in Public Service supports actions taken to counter Islamophobia and related forms of hate by the Biden-Harris Administration

Washington, D.C., October 14, 2024 — Muslim Americans in Public Service (MAPS) welcomes the recent <u>actions</u> to counter Islamophobia and Anti-Arab hate announced by the White House. While these actions are just a start for addressing institutional Islamophobia in the United States, they are an encouraging preview for the forthcoming National Strategy to Counter Islamophobia and Hatred Against Arabs in the United States.

MAPS advocated for several of the announced actions in the aforementioned fact sheet. Since the creation of this organization, our mission has been to better the workplace, increase professional opportunities, and create a community for Muslim Americans in public sector jobs.

Our work includes:

- Creating a <u>toolkit</u> to educate government administrators on the Muslim American experience in public service,
- Establishing employee resource groups (ERGs)
- Addressing workplace accommodation issues
- Advocating for a comprehensive national strategy to counter Islamophobia and related forms of bias.

These initiatives have been long overdue, and today's announcement is a step in the right direction. While MAPS disagrees with many of the policy positions taken by the current Administration, it is important to remain engaged in tackling the issues that are pertinent to Muslim American public servants.

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<u>Muslim Americans in Public Service</u> (MAPS) is a national, non-partisan, non-profit network of professionals and organizations that aims to create an enabling ecosystem for Muslim American public servants and the public institutions they serve. The first organization of its kind, MAPS's mission is to support the career, workplace, and community development of Muslim American public servants and serve as a catalyst, resource, and force multiplier for the associations that represent and support them. To learn more about MAPS, visit us at our <u>website</u> at <u>www.mapsnational.org</u> or on social media at <u>Twitter</u>, <u>LinkedIn</u>, <u>Facebook</u>, and <u>Instagram</u>.