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Washington, DC 20515

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Ms. Kimberly Cheatle, Director
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Mr. Carlos Elizondo
Deputy Assistant to the President and Social Secretary
The White House
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue NW
Washington, DC 20003

Dear Director Cheatle and Mr. Elizondo:

We write regarding a recent incident at the White House where Prospect Park, New Jersey Mayor Mohamed Khairullah was denied entrance into a White House ceremony with President Biden marking the end of the Muslim holy month of Ramadan. We understand that Mayor Khairullah received a call shortly before he was set to arrive for the Eid-al-Fitr celebration, notifying him that he was not granted access to the buildings to attend the event. We ask for you to provide our offices with information in a format and classification level that facilitates a detailed explanation of what occurred and why. We also urge you to provide Mayor Khairullah with the substantive reasons he was denied admission, and urge you to initiate a review of Mayor Khairullah's status so that in the future he may be able to attend events and represent his constituents at the People's House.

Mayor Khairullah is a devoted public servant, close friend and the longest-serving Muslim mayor in New Jersey, proudly serving his community for over 17 years. As a former volunteer firefighter, Mayor Khairullah has continuously demonstrated dedication to public safety. The son of immigrants, we know Mayor Khairullah's patriotism and public service is shaped by his upbringing and values that are molded by his commitment to help others.

We have long appreciated the work of the Biden administration to erase xenophobic policies of the past and turn a new chapter for America. Thank you very much for your time and attention to our request.

Sincerely,



Bill Pascrell, Jr.
Member of Congress



Robert Menendez
U.S. Senator



Cory Booker
U.S. Senator

CC: Louisa Terrell, Director of the White House Office of Legislative Affairs