

WAYLAND CLERGY ASSOCIATION

December 2, 2016

To our Friends and Neighbors of the Islamic Center of Boston in Wayland,

We are writing in support of your congregation in the wake of the news of the hate mail you received yesterday. We are very glad for your presence in our community and denounce such messages of hate. We embrace you as a part of the diverse religious landscape of the town of Wayland and our nation. We are grateful for the many ways you participate in our community—from your recent hosting of the Wayland Interfaith Thanksgiving Service to your support for the Family Promise program and the housing of homeless families. You are neighbors whom we value.

As messages of hate and exclusion circulate, please know that we stand with you in support for your right to freely and safely worship in our community. We wish safety and many blessings upon your congregation.

In peace,

Rabbi Katy Allen, Ma'yan Tikvah-A Wellspring of Hope

Rev. Ted Crass, Community United Methodist Church

Rabbi Sally Finestone, Congregation Or Atid

Pastor Jeffrey Johnson, Peace Lutheran Church

Rabbi Douglas Kohn, Temple Shir Tikva

Rev. Dr. Stephanie May, First Parish in Wayland

Tom Petter, Interim Senior Pastor of Trinitarian Congregational Church

Bishop Robert P. Reed, Good Shepherd Parish, Wayland

Todd Szymczak, Associate Pastor of Trinitarian Congregational Church