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## MARCC'S RESPONSE TO DVD OBSESSION AND DISTRIBUTION IN METROPOLITAN CINCINNATI

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The distribution of the DVD Obsession in Ohio and other swing states in the upcoming presidential election, is spreading miscommunication, innuendo and fear among residents in metropolitan Cincinnati and beyond.

We condemn the acts of terror as well as the hateful, anti-Semitic and violent rhetoric depicted in the DVD. However, the DVD does not go far enough in separating the few responsible for these despicable acts from the majority of Muslims worldwide. We also know from our experience that our local Muslim brothers and sisters are engaged in building a better community that honors diversity among all people and faiths. We must not allow denigration of any faith community. When we do so, we permit religion to become an excuse for hatred and unfounded discrimination against anyone of a different faith.

Whatever our faith or spiritual practice we are only whole when we accept one another's differences with respect and love. We stand with the Muslim community to challenge any effort to spread fear, intolerance, and prejudice. We urge all members of our community to promote greater understanding among people of all ethnic and faith traditions.