

**IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE NORTHERN DISTRICT OF FLORIDA
TALLAHASSEE DIVISION**

CAIR-FOUNDATION, INC. and
CAIR FLORIDA, INC.,

Plaintiffs,

v.

Case No. 4:26-cv-521-AW/MAF

RON DESANTIS, *et al.*,

Defendants.

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DECLARATION OF CHARLES HOGLE

I, Charles Hogle, declare as follows:

1. I am over the age of eighteen and am competent to make this declaration.
2. I am a lawyer with the American Civil Liberties Union Foundation. I represent Plaintiffs in this case.
3. Attached as **Exhibit A** is a true and correct copy of a letter from John Kerry, U.S. Secretary of State, to Nihad Awad, Executive Director, CAIR, dated May 5, 2015.

I declare under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct.

Executed October 16, 2026.

/s/Charles Hogle
Charles Hogle

Exhibit A

THE SECRETARY OF STATE
WASHINGTON

May 5, 2015

Mr. Nihad Awad
Executive Director
Council on American-Islamic Relations
453 New Jersey Avenue, SE
Washington, DC 20003

Dear Mr. Awad:

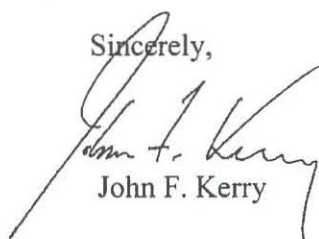
Thank you for your recent letter regarding the inclusion of the Council on American-Islamic Relations (CAIR) on the UAE's recent list of groups designated as terrorist entities.

Let me reiterate, first, that the U.S. government clearly does not consider CAIR to be a terrorist organization. As your letter noted, the Department of State rejected this allegation immediately after the UAE designations were announced in November, and we will continue to do so.

The UAE is a close and respected partner to the United States on many issues, but even close partners occasionally disagree. U.S. officials have raised the issue of CAIR's inclusion on the UAE's terror list with UAE officials on multiple occasions, and we continue to encourage the UAE to review closely any requests for de-listing. We hope to work with the UAE government as it refines its process for identifying terror organizations and for de-listing groups that don't merit inclusion.

I can assure you the Department of State will continue to engage the UAE government with the goal of finding a positive resolution to this issue.

Sincerely,



John F. Kerry