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Dear Commissioner Bratton,

The Muslim American Civil Liberties Coalition (MACCLC) welcomes your administration's review of the NYPD Intelligence Bureau's operating procedures for investigations. At the April 9, 2014, meeting between the NYPD's senior leadership and civil rights and grassroots groups working on Muslim surveillance issues, you invited the organizations present to provide input on matters to be addressed in this ongoing review. In response, the MACCLC member organizations listed below, in close consultation with those identified in the accompanying letters of support, have prepared a document that reflects the changes that we believe are necessary for the NYPD to conduct effective intelligence operations in accordance with legal and constitutional standards. The document is based on the Handschu Guidelines, which have been modified to address the concerns of the Muslim community and civil rights attorneys. Many of these suggested modifications are based on federal standards and the best practices of other police departments. For ease of reference, we are providing you with changes tracked to the existing Patrol Guide.

We take seriously your commitment to working with affected communities in order to build a police department that enjoys the trust of all New Yorkers. This document was prepared in that spirit and we look forward to discussing it in detail. At the April 9 meeting, you also agreed to our request to designate a small group of representatives to delve into the legal details of these proposals. We therefore request a meeting at your earliest convenience to begin that process.

Sincerely,

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- Arab American Association of New York (AANY)
- Asian American Legal Defense and Education Fund (AALDEF)
- Association of American Muslim Lawyers (AMAL)
- Council on American Islamic Relations of New York (CAIR-NY)
- Creating Law Enforcement Accountability & Responsibility (CLEAR) project
- Desis Rising Up & Moving (DRUM)
- Muslim American Society of New York (MAS-NY)
- Muslim Consultative Network (MCN)
- Muslim Public Affairs Council (MPAC) of New York
- Muslim Bar Association of New York (MuBANY)
- Women in Islam, Inc.