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**9/11 Victims' Family Members Appeal to Members of the Homeland Security Committee to Call on Representative Peter King to Broaden His Proposed Hearing on the Radicalization of American Muslims**

*Mother of Muslim Police Cadet, First Responder Makes Personal Appeal to Politicians to Honor the American Traditions of Fair Play and Tolerance*

*New York, NY, Feb 2, 2001: As the House Homeland Security Committee prepares to conduct controversial hearings on the alleged threat of homegrown Islamic terrorism later this week, September 11<sup>th</sup> Families for Peaceful Tomorrows renewed its call for the proposed hearings to be broadened to include all threats to national security rather than singling out American Muslims. In a letter delivered to members of the House Homeland Security Committee today the group wrote that while, "As families who suffered terribly on September 11<sup>th</sup>, 2001 we are acutely aware of the need to ensure that our country is secure, that an event like 9/11 never happens again...we are equally concerned with sustaining our American traditions of fair play and tolerance."*

*The letter goes on to say, "We believe, as currently constituted, those hearings represent an affront to these fundamental American values...Our concern is that, as currently constituted, the hearings single out a group of people and demonize them based on unfair stereotypes."*

Since the announcement of the hearings Peaceful Tomorrows has made several public appeals for King to broaden them. The group also traveled to Washington to make a direct appeal to Representative King.

*September 11<sup>th</sup> Families for Peaceful Tomorrows is an organization founded by family members of those killed on September 11, 2001. Currently comprised of over 200 families, the group advocates nonviolence and adherence to the rule of law in the pursuit of justice and accountability*