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Thanks so much.

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Atlanta:

- CBP: Some anecdotes of alleged profiling of Muslims and Arabs at ATL
- CBP: Concerns over watchlists and no-fly lists
- TSA: Some anecdotes of alleged profiling of Muslims and Arabs at ATL
- USCIS: A few anecdotes of alleged profiling of Muslims and Arabs
- All DHS: Reluctance to engage with government or work for government for fear of engaging in political issues
- State and Local Gov: Only one Muslim chaplain approved to visit Atlanta area prisons
- Other: Mosque zoning discrimination issues
- Other: Anti-Sharia law movement

Tampa:

- CBP: Some cases of alleged profiling during primary and secondary
- TSA: Some cases of alleged profiling at checkpoints
- Other: Anti-Sharia law movement
- DOJ/FBI: Use of informants at mosques and use of fake plots to arrest individuals

DC Metro:
- USCIS: Naturalization delays
- CBP: Religious questioning at primary and secondary
- CBP: Alleged profiling of Muslims
- TSA: Alleged profiling of Muslims
- TSA: General complaints regarding AIT machines and pat-downs.
- DOJ/FBI: Concerns over use of informants at mosques and use of fake plots to arrest individuals.

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From: (b) (6) [mailto][email](b) (6) yahoo.com]
Sent: Friday, April 29, 2011 01:33 PM
To: (b) (6) 
Subject: Re: Need your help.

Boston:
- CBP: Alleged profiling of Muslims and especially Somalis (they choose to fly into JFK instead)
- CBP: lack of clear telephone policy to contact family if stuck in secondary inspections
- CBP: Language access. Transportation services allegedly not always provided during inspections
- CBP: Travelers have allegedly been denied use of restrooms
- CBP: Religious questioning during primary and secondary inspections
- CBP: Complaints that seizure of electronics and other personal items are handed to FBI which then allegedly uses these items for harassing/intimidating Somali and Muslim community members
- Concerns over watchlists and no-fly lists expressed. Explained to use TRIP process.
  o Concerns over US Citizens stuck overseas on no-fly list.
- TSA: General complaints regarding AIT machines and pat-downs. Muslims and Somalis feel profiled.
  o Complaint by female Somali traveler that when she asked for private room for pat-down, she was taken to employee locker room where male and female TSA employees were present

Los Angeles:
- TSA: complaints by Sikh community members that they feel profiled

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- TSA: concerns generally expressed regarding AIT machines and patdowns
- ICE: Secure communities in LA Area. NGOs especially concerned that Secure Communities adopted without community notice or input
- ICE: Language access. Especially Asian community. Alleged lack of due process in that detainees are asked to sign documents they do not understand.
- ICE detention conditions – including lack of Muslim chaplain (this fixed in Musk detention facility in OC), insufficient legal materials, lack of privacy during in restrooms and showers.
- ICE deportations – concerns that ICE Enforcement Priorities are not being followed.
- CBP: Religious questioning during primary and secondary inspections
- USCIS: Religious questioning by USCIS officers during adjustment of status and naturalization interviews. And lengthy delays in these applications being processed. Alleged involvement of FBI in this process (FBI allegedly has allegedly indicate that applications will be favorably adjudicated if applicants cooperate with voluntary interviews)

--- On Fri, 4/29/11, wrote:

From: Shora, Kareem
Sent: Thursday, April 28, 2011 04:50 PM
To: Team,
Subject: Need your help.

I need your help in listing the “primary issues of concern” that we have been able to document during our regular community engagement roundtables including the American Muslim and Arab organizations. I’m scheduled to give a brief talk during a DHS-DOJ taskforce on this issue on Monday. I’m attaching the draft paper that the US Attorney’s have provided (which as you can see is rather general). I would like our paper to be more specific based on both specific DHS topics as well as broken down geographically (i.e. based on each roundtable). The period to cover for this is the past three quarters (i.e. the past three meetings for most roundtables). Please feel free to use the readout memos to help identify the specific issues for each roundtable and then each of you send me a list. I will compile the lists along with the ones I have (i.e. Chicago, Seattle, and Denver), and create a master draft for the CRCL issues. I need this by COB tomorrow (Friday). Please
contact me if you have any questions.

Thanks much,

Kareem.