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Raritan Township Democratic Club

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Raritan Township Committee
Lisa Fania, Raritan Township Municipal Clerk
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Dears Sirs and Madam,

The recent statements by Committeeman Louis Reiner calling out Islam as a religion of violence and suggesting eradication by nuclear bombs crosses the line. In an era when hateful speech is dividing our nation, it is reprehensible that a sitting committeeman would foment religious division using the rhetoric of far right extremist groups.

We call on Committeeman Reiner to retract his ugly rhetoric and apologize to Raritan Township's Muslim community.

Time and again, our Committee has called for an increase in civil discourse and public engagement by our elected leaders that only comes from balance among our elected representatives. We call on the Raritan Township Committee, all of whom are Republicans, to rebuke his statements and ask for Committeeman Reiner's resignation. Committeeman Reiner said of his statements "It won't upset Republicans. I'm an infidel. And I'm proud of it." It is in the hands of the Raritan Township Committee to begin the healing that the thoughtless words of Committeeman Reiner have brought to our community.

Sincerely,

Lois Zarish – Raritan Township Democratic Municipal Chair
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