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**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE** – MCC Condemns Mass Shooting in Las Vegas

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**The Muslim Community Center (MCC)** of Silver Spring, Maryland, one of the oldest Muslim faith-based organizations in the Washington, DC area, expresses its condolences to the families and friends of at least 59 people who were killed last night in Las Vegas, and denounces the horrific violence that took their lives.

Over 500 people were also injured in the terrorist attack, which has the highest death toll of any mass shooting in modern U.S. history. The shooter, identified as Stephen Paddock, 64, opened fire from the 32<sup>nd</sup> floor of the Mandalay Bay Resort and Casino on the Las Vegas Strip, toward an open area where over 22,000 people were gathered for a country music festival. Paddock was later found dead in his room, among a small arsenal of weapons, including 10 rifles.

This kind of terrorizing, indiscriminate attack on thousands of innocent people goes against the deepest values of our nation that are shared by people of all faiths and of none. We are heartbroken at this devastating loss and outraged at the senselessness of the attack. The Muslim Community Center stands in solidarity with all people of good will against all forms of terrorism, and we are committed to building bridges and holding each other up in the face of this violent destruction of sacred human life.

Toward that end, members of the Muslim Community Center will be joining with the Council on American Islamic Relations (CAIR) and other Maryland organizations at a vigil for the victims of the Las Vegas shooting and gun violence in general on the night of Wednesday, October 4. The vigil will be held at 7 p.m. at Lawyers' Mall, 100 State Circle, Annapolis, MD, 21401.

*MCC's mission is to promote brotherhood and human dignity among all by developing an environment of understanding, compassion, and justice in our personal and professional lives. We strive to serve the needs of the Muslim community and community at large in a manner that promotes its positive image and standing in a changing environment. We aim to represent the Muslim community in interfaith circles, in government, public and media relations, and in the society at large.*

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