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**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE** – MCC Condemns Deadly Attack in Manchester

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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, express its condolences to the families and friends of the victims of the deadly attack at Manchester Arena in the UK on May 23, and denounces in the strongest terms the despicable violence that took their lives.

An eight-year-old girl was among 22 people killed Monday night when a suicide bomb was detonated at the foyer of the arena, as people were leaving a concert. Fifty-nine people were injured, including 12 children under the age of 16. Police have arrested a 23-year-old man in connection with the attack, and the attacker himself died at the scene. In a statement, ISIS has claimed responsibility for the attack, but officials have not confirmed that. This deliberate, murderous attack on innocent youth and families was a senseless act of violence that all people of faith reject with disgust and horror.

The Muslim community here stands with those affected by the attack in solidarity against hate, intolerance, and destructive violence. Those who spread terror, destruction and deadly violence in the name of Islam betray the very essence of our faith. Once again, we join the majority of Muslims worldwide in affirming our complete rejection and strong condemnation of all acts of terrorism wherever they occur. No loss of innocent human lives is permissible. We here at MCC will continue to pray and work for peace and justice, building bridges instead of walls, and standing together with our larger community, rather than being divided by fear.

*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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