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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE – MCC Condemns Deadly Truck Attack in Manhattan

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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 truck attack in New York City yesterday, and denounces the senseless violence that took their lives.

Eight people were killed and 11 more injured when a man drove a rental truck through a crowd along a bike path by the Hudson River yesterday afternoon. The man, identified as 29-year-old Sayfullo Saipov, an Uzbek national living in Paterson, New Jersey, was shot and injured by police and taken into custody after hospital treatment. Officials say a note was found near the site of the attack in which Saipov claimed loyalty to ISIS, but they have not found any connection between the suspect and the group.

Among those killed were five Argentinian citizens who were celebrating their high school reunion in New York City, and a Belgian national as well. The Muslim Community Center unequivocally condemns this act of terrorizing and murdering innocent people and stands together with the people of New York City. 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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