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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE – MCC Grieves With Nation at Latest School Shooting

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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 the 17 people killed Wednesday at Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School in Parkland, Florida.

Among those murdered by a former student with an assault rifle were teachers, staff members, and students between the ages of 14 and 18. A football coach was reported to have thrown himself in front of his students to protect them from the bullets, which were being fired indiscriminately. Police arrested 19-year-old Nicolas Cruz, a former student who had been expelled for disciplinary problems, and he later confessed to the shooting.

MCC is devastated at this tragic loss of life, and the senselessness of this disturbed young man's access to such brutal weapons. We join with the rest of our nation in praying for the families who are today in such unimaginable pain, and in calling on our elected leaders to unite in finding a solution that will end mass shootings once and for all.

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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