



## CENTER FOR SECURITY POLICY

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Bureau Chief Heather Hunt  
Department of Justice – FARA Registration Unit  
1400 New York Avenue, N.W., 1<sup>st</sup> Floor – Public Office, Suite 100  
Washington, DC 20005

Dear Ms. Hunt:

I am writing to notify you that the Center for Security Policy sent a letter to Senator Chuck Schumer alerting him to a possible violation of the Foreign Agents Registration Act (FARA) in which he was apparently the target of a foreign influence operation. It is our assessment that the Council on American-Islamic Relations (CAIR) was operating as an unregistered foreign agent when they urged Senator Schumer to retract his support for Israel's blockade of Hamas-controlled Gaza. CAIR-New York called on "New York Muslims and all people of conscience" to demand that he retract his statement via telephone and Facebook. In a June 14, 2010 press release CAIR-NY Community Affairs Director Faiza N. Ali called Schumer's statement "unconscionable, reprehensible and in blatant disregard for the sanctity of human life." We believe that this specific act to pressure an elected official meets the definition of a political influence operation under the terms of the Foreign Agents Registration Act (FARA).

It is our assessment that CAIR's influence operation against Senator Schumer should have been reported to FARA, as required by law. We also believe that CAIR has failed to register as a foreign agent with the FARA office, as required by law.

Please see the attached letter and press release for more details on this particular political influence operation by CAIR. We refer you as well to our report at [www.cairobservatory.org](http://www.cairobservatory.org), analyzing CAIR's possible status as an unregistered foreign agent under the requirements of FARA, working for the interests of foreign principals in Saudi Arabia, the United Arab Emirates, Kuwait and Iran.

Sincerely,

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Attachments:

Letter to Senator Chuck Schumer

CAIR press release dated June 14, 2010