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Local Muslims chastise Boehner

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House Republican Leader John Boehner has raised the ire of local Muslims.

A local Muslim group is encouraging people to write or call his office to let him know that they don't like the comments he made about the proposed Islamic center near Ground Zero, which we wrote about [last week](#).

The Cincinnati chapter of CAIR (Council on American-Islamic Relations) says Boehner's comments are "disappointing" considering that his district includes "the [largest mosque](#) and the largest Muslim community in the tri-state."

Here is what the group said:

"By stating that building a mosque to accommodate American Muslim

worshippers a few blocks away from the site of the 9-11 attacks is somehow wrong Congressman Boehner is implying that American Muslims bear collective guilt for those attacks. This is offensive and disturbing especially in a nation that places so much importance in the rule of law. To imply collective guilt on whole groups of people when one or a few members of that group commit crimes is entirely un-American."

Also interesting: in the statement sent out to media today CAIR urges people contact Boehner, but do it "politely."

"As always, be polite in your comments. Rudeness or harshness will only further hurt the cause of unity and mutual respect in our city," the group said.

We have asked Boehner's office for a response.

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