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Mr. Mahmood Khadeer, President  
Muslim Association of Puget Sound  
17550 NE 67th Ct  
Redmond, WA 98052

Dear Mr. Mahmood Khadeer,

On behalf of 37 member cities of the Sound Cities Association, we are deeply saddened by the vandalism of your mosque and the fear and intimidation your members have faced.

We serve as the Executive Board for the Sound Cities Association (SCA), which represents 37 cities of King County and provides a voice for over one million people. As a voice for those we represent, we will be clear that we reject such messages of hate.

SCA's mission is to provide leadership through advocacy, education, mutual support and networking to cities as they act locally and partner regionally to create livable vital communities. The livable vital communities we seek to foster are diverse, they safeguard the rights of residents to worship, and they work to ensure the safety of all residents. This act of vandalism is at odds with the values of our communities, and does not reflect the strong threads of inclusiveness and respect that more accurately define our region.

We condemn the recent vandalism of the Muslim Association of Puget Sound (MAPS) mosque and stand in support of MAPS as you open your mosque this Thanksgiving week to strengthen our region with a community meal.

Please do not hesitate to contact our Executive Director Deanna Dawson at (206) 495-3265 or at [Deanna@SoundCities.org](mailto:Deanna@SoundCities.org) to discuss how we can work together to foster an inclusive region and support the safety and rights of all our residents.

Sincerely,

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cc: SCA Board of Directors