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**TO:** PRESIDENT

**FROM:** JOSEPH GEBEILY  
LEBANESE INFORMATION CENTER  
ALEXANDRIA, VA 22302

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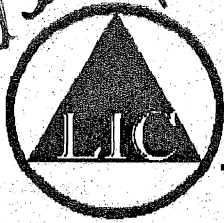
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## LEBANESE INFORMATION CENTER

*LIC statement on the Arab-American position on Homeland Security*

*January 5, 2006*

President George W. Bush  
The White House

Dear Mr. President:

Once again, some Arab-American and American-Islamic organizations allege that Americans of Arab origin are outraged by the security measures taken by the U.S. government in order to protect our homeland. Moreover, these organizations claim that Arab-Americans are being targeted and discriminated against by U.S. law enforcement agencies.

While these organizations have failed so far to substantiate their accusations with any credible information, and while we are confident, based on reports from our own Lebanese-American community, the largest among the Arabic-speaking ones, as well as from contacts with other Middle-Eastern groups in the U.S., that there is no widespread discrimination, not even serious individual cases of abuse against persons of Arab or Middle-Eastern descent in the U.S., it is notable how these same organizations remain silent about the terrible inhumane crimes committed in their native lands against hundreds, even thousands of Arabs and Moslems, in addition to non-Arabs and other religious minorities, by tyrannical regimes, terrorist groups and radical fanatics in Sudan, Algeria, Iraq, Syria and Lebanon, just to name a few.

As Lebanese-Americans we would like first to emphasize that these organizations do not represent our views or for that matter, the opinions of the majority of the Arab-American communities.

While we are, and have always been, extremely sensitive to issues pertaining to the fundamental rights and human dignity of any citizen, we believe that protecting the United States is a prevailing priority and we do approve of all the measures taken by our Government in order to insure the safety of our Nation, particularly when we have carefully observed that these measures have not, in any way, infringed on basic freedoms and civil liberties. Thus, we support all preemptive actions against any individual or group who is a potential security threat. Our country has the right and the duty to investigate and watch anyone who overtly or covertly adheres to any ideology, religious or secular, which openly promotes animosity against our nation or the free world and which preaches violence and intolerance towards other ideologies and beliefs.

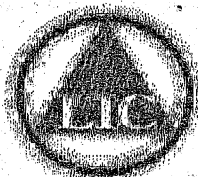
All United States citizens should be aware of the distortions of those who claim to be protecting our rights while providing, willingly or unwillingly, the terrorists with the needed cover to utilize our free and open society as a weapon against us.

The Administration and Congress can count on our full support and willingness to act whenever needed to protect our great country.

Joseph Gebeily, MD  
President  
The Lebanese Information Center

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# Homeland Security

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Joseph Gebeily, MD  
President  
The Lebanese Information Center  
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Alexandria, VA 22302

Dear Mr. Gebeily:

This is in reply to your letter to the White House dated January 5, 2006. Thank you for expressing your interest and support of U.S. policies on homeland security and the protection of civil rights and civil liberties. Protecting our homeland and preserving democratic freedom is necessary and a top priority of President Bush and this Administration.

We understand that during these times, those of Arab or Middle-Eastern descent or of the Muslim faith may feel increased concern over the implementation of new security measures. It is the goal of this Administration to protect individual rights through the continual review of national security policies and the promotion and implementation of cultural competency training for public employees. We make clear that insidious use of racial, ethnic, or religious profiling will not be tolerated in our fight against terrorism.

Your support of U.S. homeland security policies is fully appreciated.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Daniel W. Sutherland". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, looping flourish at the end.

Daniel W. Sutherland  
Officer for Civil Rights and Civil Liberties  
U.S. Department of Homeland Security