

REF: Professor Farid Younos

Dear Committee Chair:

It is an honor and privilege to write on behalf of Professor Younos. I strongly believe that Professor Younos makes a difference anywhere he goes because he is a true professor of Islam.

I know Professor Younos for more than twenty years working as peace activist, women rights activist and an advocate of moderate Islam in Afghan-American community. He is a very strong social scientist and cultural anthropologist of the Middle East and researcher of Islamic studies. His TV talk shows watched worldwide by Afghans and he became very popular because of his strong stand for women equal rights. His latest book, "Civic Equality Rights in Islam" in Farsi language is a blow to radicalism and fanaticism. I would like to name another research of his, "Muslims' symbiosis with people of the Book: Are Jews and Christians Infidels," also in Farsi language is another blow to radicalism and fanaticism that he proved the Jews and Christians are NOT infidels. This research was conducted very much on time because some radicals and fanatic were propagating that Jews and Christians are infidels. This means he is a strong researcher of social sciences and humanities that advocate peace and justice through his research. His books in English posted on Amazon are highly popular worldwide. Dr Qayoumi, former President of San Jose State University calls him, "A Passionate Professor and sagacious scholar." Professor Younos is a teacher and Master by example. He is a guru of patience when he faces challenges. According to Afghan-Canadians in Canada, he is a light in Diaspora for Afghans.

Professor Younos is the founder of Afghan Domestic Violence Prevention. He helped hundreds of families to reconcile and taught them to live with decency and integrity. He worked hard with our youth to become productive member of our society. After the September 11th tragedy, Professor Younos responded to more than hundreds organizations, universities, churches and synagogues and sat on interfaith panel and introduce the true peaceful Islam and Afghanistan. It was because of Afghan Coalition hard work with the help and support of Professor Younos that our youth did not commit to violence in the aftermath of the September 11th. All he did was voluntary.

Professor Younos is highly moral. He is a role model of conduct, dignity and integrity. He has strong time management and organizational skill. He traveled around the world extensively for different international conferences.

I strongly believe that Afghan-Americans are under-represented in high academic institutions. It is the time to appoint Professor Younos who is highly qualified for the position of Islamic and Middle Eastern Studies. and I highly recommend him without any hesitation.

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