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**LDF Statement on President Trump Targeting and Endangering Rep. Ilhan Omar**

[Sherrilyn Ifill](#), President and Director-Counsel at the NAACP Legal Defense and Educational Fund, Inc. (LDF), provided the following statement:

“We condemn unequivocally President Trump’s distortion of the words of freshman congresswoman Rep. Ilhan Omar (D-Minn) and use of 9/11 imagery to disparage her. These are dangerous times. Hate crimes have risen exponentially since 2016. Earlier this month, FBI Director Christopher Wray described the rise of white supremacist violence as a “persistent, pervasive threat” to our country. Not long after, a self-described Trump supporter was arrested for threatening to murder Rep. Omar, one of two Muslim women elected to Congress in 2018. The President’s use of incendiary footage to disparage Rep. Omar – just days later – exposes the congresswoman, her family, and her staff to threats and real danger.

“It is to our national shame that rather than use the enormous breadth of his power to condemn white supremacy and Islamophobia, President Trump uses his voice and platform to fan the flames of hatred. His targeting of Rep. Omar is unconscionable, irresponsible, and beneath the dignity of the office of the presidency. Every member of Congress should condemn the President’s actions.”

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