

Statement From Senator Malcolm A. Smith RE: Fire Bombs at Imam Al-Khoei Islamic Center in Queens

MALCOLM A. SMITH January 2, 2012

"Acts of violence on any level will not be tolerated. The cowards who chose to start the new year by endangering the lives of others should be prosecuted to the fullest extent of the law. I offer my full support to the 103rd Precinct's Detective Squad and the NYPD's Hate Crimes Unit. The

safety of the residents of Southeast Queens is my first priority.

I applaud and support Governor Cuomo and Mayor Bloomberg as well as the NYPD for their immediate call-to-action."

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