



Dr. James Zogby  
President, Arab American Institute

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Dear Jim,

We have received your correspondence regarding the National Arab-American Conference in Detroit. We understand that you have put a great deal of planning into this event. We are deeply sorry that the actions of Michigan Democrats in scheduling a non-compliant primary have led to a situation in which candidates have pledged to not campaign in Michigan.

Each candidate signed the pledge and indicated they understood that the intention of the pledge is to bring finality, predictability and common sense to the nominating calendar. The pledge refers to the 2008 Delegate Selection Rules for the Democratic National Committee, including, but not limited to, Rule 20 c 1 b.

These rules hold true for any state infringing on the pre-window. Candidates have signed a pledge to honor the calendar with regard to the pre-window and that applies to all states moving forward.

Our caucus-goers and voters will monitor the candidates and media coverage and will ultimately decide whether the campaigns are keeping their promises.

The four states are busy preparing for their respective calendar events and cannot and should not police the calendar process.

That said, we believe that the Arab American community is an important constituency, and we are sensitive to your concerns. For this specific one pre-scheduled national event in Michigan, this request will be acceptable.

We and our voters understand that, except for this conference, DNC rules still prohibit further campaigning in Michigan until after January 15, 2008.

Sincerely,

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