

# Council on American-Islamic Relations (CAIR)

## Torture, Former Combatants, Political Prisoners, Terror Suspects, & Terrorists

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## Public Facing Advocacy Writing

(WASHINGTON, D.C., 1/25/21) On Tuesday, January 26, attorneys from the Council on American-Islamic Relations (CAIR) will argue in the United States Court of Appeals for the Fourth Circuit in support of the Muslim civil rights organizations constitutional challenge to the federal governments Terrorism Screening Database that anchors the watchlisting system.

Audio of the oral arguments will be available online.

**WHAT:** CAIR Oral Argument for Elhady v. Kable IV

**WHEN:** Tuesday, January 26, 9:30 AM

**WHERE:** Audio will livestream here: [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=XdblscT\\_Dpc](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=XdblscT_Dpc)

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### BACKGROUNDER:

In September 2019, a lower court judge held that the watchlisting system is broadly illegal and violates the rights of the 23 Muslims who CAIR represents in the case.

**JUDGES OPINION:** <https://tinyurl.com/WatchlistOpinion>

**SEE: Secret Terrorism Watchlist Found Unconstitutional in Historic Decision**

<https://theintercept.com/2019/09/06/terrorism-watchlist-lawsuit-ruling/>

The government is now attempting to overturn that decision. CAIRs position on appeal is supported by a broad and ideologically diverse group of amici (friends of the court), including the CATO Institute, ACLU, the Brennan Center for Justice, the Firearm Policy Coalition, Korematsu Center, Rutherford Institute, and the Electronic Frontier Foundation.

**SEE: Diverse Coalition Supports Ruling Declaring Watchlisting System Illegal**

CAIRs mission is to enhance understanding of Islam, protect civil rights, promote justice, and empower American Muslims.

La misin de CAIR es proteger las libertades civiles, mejorar la comprensin del Islam, promover la justicia, y empoderar a los musulmanes en los Estados Unidos.

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