

In the Name of Allah, the Most Gracious, the Most Merciful



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FROM THE DESK OF REGINA M. HUNTER

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Re: **Lack of Explanation for Denial of Petition for Writ of Certiorari**
 Appellate Case No. 2014-001508
 Court of Common Pleas Case No: 2012-CP-43-01965

Date: December 6, 2014, 14 Safar 1436 A.H.

Dear Chief Justice Toal:

I am in receipt of your order dated November 20, 2014 that denied my Petition for Writ of Certiorari. The Court of Common Pleas case number listed on your order is incorrect and the Court did not provide an explanation for its denial. When I inquired with your Clerk of Court, Mr. Shearouse stated that the Court often issues orders without comment and that its Court discretion. In my opinion, this practice is inadequate and contradicts the said purpose of the Court as stated in Article 5, § 5 of The South Carolina State Constitution (1895)—“*The Supreme Court shall constitute a court for the correction of errors at law under such regulations as the General Assembly may prescribe.*” Wearing a *hijab* is not justification to obstruct my access to the court on three occasions or deny hearing my case for more than a year.

It would benefit all parties if the Court provides an explanation. This case involves a federal question and the decision of the South Carolina Court of Appeals conflicts with decision of the United States Supreme Court. The decision also conflicts with my religious freedoms secured by the constitutions of the United States republic and the South Carolina State, the Universal Declaration of Human Rights and the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights adopted, proclaimed and ratified under the Charter of the United Nations, and Statute of the International Court of Justice.

I am a natural person with inalienable human rights and a member of the human family, community of nations, and nation states. Surah *Hujurat* or the Inner Apartments (Surah 49:13) of the Holy Quran states “*O mankind, We created you from a single (pair) of a male and a female, and made you into nations and tribes, that ye may know each other (not that ye may despise each other) Verily the most honored of you in the sight of God is (he who is) the most righteous of you. And God has full knowledge and is well acquainted (with all things).*”

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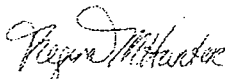
The duress, threat and intimidation I have suffered on account of the free exercise of my religious freedoms is a violation of human rights. The opening statement of the Charter of the United Nations signed on June 26, 1945 (effective October 24, 1945) reaffirms faith in the fundamental human rights and the equal rights of men and women all of nations small and big. Article 1 of the Charter states the aim of achieving international cooperation in "*promoting and encouraging respect for human rights and for fundamental freedoms for all without distinction as to race, sex, language, or religion.*"

The General Assembly of the United Nations adopted the Universal Declaration of Human Rights on December 10, 1948 to recognize the unalienable rights of all members of the human family. Article 2 of the Declaration states everyone is entitled the fundamental rights and freedoms without regard for "*race, colour, sex, language, religion, political or other opinion, national or social origin, property, birth or other status.*" Article 7 of the Declaration entitles everyone to equal protection of the law without any discrimination and Article 8 of the Declaration entitles effective remedy before national judicial systems for acts violating the fundamental rights granted by the constitution or by law.

This Declaration was a precursor to the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights effective March 26, 1976 adopted under the Charter of the United Nations. Part II, Article 2, §1 obliges the United States to undertake measures to ensure all individuals political and civil rights "*without distinction of any kind, such as race, colour, sex, language, religion, political or other opinion, national or social origin, property, birth or other status.*" Further, Article 2, §3(a) ensures that any person whose rights or freedoms are violated shall have an effective remedy. Further, Article 2, §3(b) provides that a claim for such remedy be determined by **competent** judicial, administrative or legislative authorities.

The United States Department of Justice (DOJ) performed an inadequate investigation of my complaint and failed to adhere to the Civil Rights Restoration Act of 1987 (Public Law 100-259). Yet, I am not deterred in my demand that the South Carolina State uphold my human rights. The Holy Quran instructs me that when oppressed I have a responsibility to stand up for my rights. *Shura* or Consultation (Surah 42:39-43) states: "39: *And those who, when an oppressive wrong is inflicted on them, (are not cowed but) help and defend themselves. 40: The recompense for an injury is an injury equal thereto (in degree): but if a person forgives and makes reconciliation, his reward is due from God: for (God) loveth not those who do wrong. 41: But indeed if any do help and defend themselves after a wrong (done) to them, against such there is no cause of blame. 42: The blame is only against those who oppress men with wrong-doing and insolently transgress beyond bounds through the land, defying right and justice: for such there will be a penalty grievous. 43: But indeed if any show patience and forgive, that would truly be an exercise of courageous will and resolution in the conduct of affairs.*" And indeed, I am enormously grateful for the patience Allah bestows upon me. *Salaama!*

Sincerely,



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