

Statement of Timothy L. Brown

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*"In every generation the world has produced enemies of human freedom.
They have attacked America because we are freedom's home and defender,
and the commitment of our fathers is now the calling of our time."*

~George W. Bush

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My name is Tim Brown. I am a retired NYC firefighter. My career took me to the scenes of many devastating emergencies over my 20 years. These included the 1993 terrorist bombing of the World Trade Center, the 1995 bombing of the Alfred P. Murrah federal building in Oklahoma City, the Centennial Park bombing at the 1996 Atlanta Olympics and the 2001 terrorist attack at the World Trade Center. I am a survivor of the collapse of both towers in the 2001 terrorist attack that killed nearly 3000 innocent people, including 343 heroic New York City firefighters, 37 heroic Port Authority police officers and 23 heroic New York City police officers, all of whom ran toward danger to help those who were trying to get out. The death toll for the Port Authority Police Department was the worst loss of life ever at a single event for any law enforcement agency in American history. Obviously this was the same for the New York City Fire Department. Of the 343 NYC firefighters murdered that day, nearly 100 of them were from our Special Operations Command, the most experienced, most highly trained and most motivated firefighters in the world. 93 of them were my friends who I had the privilege of working with over my career. Two of them were my best friends, Captain Terry Hatton of FDNY Rescue 1 and Captain Paddy Brown of 3 Truck. I miss them every day, as do their families. The pain never goes away. It is always there, like a shadow hanging over our lives. I also want everyone to remember that the attacks on America that day have left many firefighters, police officers and construction workers very sick. Many have died as a result of their recovery work as we desperately searched for survivors or to bring home as many of those killed to honor them properly. The people that did this to us were radical Islamic terrorists who hate America for the personal liberty & equality it affords all humans, regardless of gender, race, age or ethnicity.

September 11th, 2001 – My Day

On September 11th, 2001 I was a NYC firefighter assigned to Mayor Giuliani's Office of Emergency Management as the Supervisor of Field Response. This meant my office was on the 23rd floor of 7 World Trade Center and my job was to supervise our Field Responders who responded to major emergencies to coordinate and support all the agencies needed to quickly and efficiently mitigate them. When the first plane flew over the roof of our building and slammed into the north face of Tower 1, we were unsure if it was an accident or intentional. I went to my car to don my helmet and boots and head to the Fire Department command post in the lobby of Tower 1. Before I entered the building I wanted to try to get a view of 3 sides of the Tower to understand the situation better. As I did this, things were crashing to the ground around me. I soon realized that these "things" included people who were jumping from the tower to escape the fire. This is when I began to understand that this may be bigger than we think. I entered the building and I remember seeing something momentarily enlightening; for every person who needed assistance evacuating, whether they were disabled, obese, pregnant or injured, there were 3 or 4 men helping them. These men were not firefighters or police officers. They were ordinary office workers rising to the occasion to help their fellow human beings in need. I thought to myself that no matter what happens today we will get through it because of the good human nature of most people. I remember thinking that good would win over evil every time. I didn't realize the magnitude of evil that would test us that day.

Each one of these heroes I just spoke about ran toward the carnage, knowing there was a good chance they would never get out alive. Captain Paddy Brown's last recorded words were, "This is 3 Truck and we're still going up." Simple, powerful, brave words that showed their dedication to duty, fulfilling the oath they all took when they became firefighters and police officers at the beginning of their humble careers. These heroes were living examples of one of God's greatest commandments, to love thy neighbor as thyself. "Greater love has no one than this that he lay down his life for his friends."

When I arrived at the command post in the lobby of Tower 1, I saw my best friend, Captain Terry Hatton who was in charge of the most elite firefighting unit in Manhattan, Rescue 1. Terry was 6'4" tall and towered over the other firefighters. He yelled to me, "T – come here!" I ran over to him and he put his big arms around me and said, "I love you brother, I may never see you again." He kissed me on the cheek and we parted. I didn't know that it was indeed the last time I'd see my friend. Terry and his company made it up to the 83rd floor and were saving lives and fighting the inferno when they became trapped.

I found out a few weeks later that radical Islamist terrorists timed the second plane's impact to coincide with the arrival of the most first responders. They wanted to kill as many firefighters and police officers as possible; and they were successful.

When the second plane slammed into the south tower, I was ordered to go there and manage the command post along with FDNY Assistant Chief Donald Burns. I had known Chief Burns for many years and as we ran over into Tower 2 I asked him what I could do to support him. He said to me, "Timmy, there's not a lot you

and I can do here. I've ordered a 5th-alarm but it's gonna take them awhile to get here." He continued, "Do your best and be careful." I promised him I would. Then he grabbed me by the arm and he said to me, "You know we're at war, right?" I replied, "Yes Chief, I know." It is important we all remember this. Everyone in America knew when the second plane hit that our very way of life was under attack; our freedom, our equality -- everything that every soldier has fought for since the Revolutionary War was under attack by radical Islamic terrorists.

Chief Burns did not make it out that day.

I was lucky to make it out that day, or some say I was spared for a purpose.

These first responders, American heroes all, ran into the towers and up the stairs knowing it was likely they may never return to their families; and they never did. I humbly appear before you today standing on their shoulders.

The Ground Zero Mosque

In the years since that tragic and heroic day, I, along with the 9/11 families and survivors, have become kind-of an advocate and defender of the memory and narrative of what happened that day. Many have tried to hijack the narrative for their own purposes.

In 2010 we became aware of a plan to build a Mosque at Ground Zero. Some people were saying that it was an intentional attempt by some Muslims to claim victory at the site of the most deadly terrorist attack in American history.

Although this angered us, we wanted to give the people behind the project a chance to explain themselves before we opposed it. After all, wouldn't it be great if we could truly mend wounds together?

Well, we met with the developer, Sharif el-Gamal, in his office and listened to his plan for a 17-story Mosque. We asked him some pointed questions. We asked him where he got the initial \$4.85 million IN CASH to purchase the existing building. He still hasn't answered that question to this day. We began to detect evasiveness from him, possibly outright lies. We were beginning to sense a problem.

I also appeared on several news programs with Imam Rauf, the so-called "spiritual leader" of the project. I am a bit embarrassed to admit that the first few times I spoke with him, I was taken in. I thought to myself, now this is a guy who can help us build bridges. Sadly, I began to find that he also would not answer direct, difficult questions. In fact, he was going around telling everyone that "the 9/11 families are onboard and support the project." Now, we know the 9/11 families and NONE OF THEM were supporting this project. This was my education on Taqiyya. Taqiyya is the accepted and encouraged art of lying to someone to further the agenda of Islam. Imam Rauf was a Master of Taqiyya, and Sharif el-Gamal was his student. They were lying to us, the 9/11 families, about building a Mosque at on our loved-ones graves.

They lied so much that they didn't know each other's lies and they couldn't even keep their own lies straight. Every time they presented a plan, it changed and they denied that last plan ever existed and they removed them from their website. We asked them why they needed 17 floors for a Mosque. Every time we got different answers. But the truth was that Imam Rauf was planning to use 6 floors for his pet project, the Sharia-Index Project. This was a project he developed to measure the "Sharia-compliance" of all the countries in the world.

Can you imagine that? At the very site of the biggest terrorist attack in American history, at the site where nearly 3,000 innocents were killed by radical Islamic terrorists who yelled "Allahu-Akhbar" before they crashed the planes into the towers? At the site where the "peaceful religion" attacked the very foundations of freedom, this evil man wants to put the headquarters that will measure their progress in spreading Sharia law throughout the world. The irony is astounding. Their chutzpah is unbelievable.

As we continued to confront them, the media picked up on the story and asked them the difficult questions. We kept up the pressure. They called us everything from Islamaphobes to fear-mongers. Imagine that, the 9/11 families and survivors were now fear-mongers and Islamaphobes and Rauf and el-Gamal were the victims!

The supposed "largest Muslim civil-rights organization" the Council on American-Islamic Relations (CAIR) jumped onboard with Rauf & company, claiming "religious intolerance" and calling me a "hater" and a "racist." In fact, I debated the Executive Director of CAIR, Nihad Awad on a national news program. In that debate, he would not answer questions posed and he obfuscated and talked over me and the host. This is where I first confronted his organization with being a terrorist-supporting organization. CAIR dropped out of that debate pretty quickly after that confrontation. We will talk more about CAIR later.

One of the most memorable things that happened during our fight was when we attended a hearing of the Landmarks Preservation Commission. We were fighting to have the existing building landmarked in the hope of preventing the Sharia-Tower from being built. The Landmarks Preservation Commission wrongly voted

to NOT landmark the building, clearing the way for the building to be demolished and making it easier for the developers to build their Tower on the grave of our loved-ones. This was a devastating-blow to us. One of the family members who lost her son on 9/11 walked out of the hearing and before she made it to her car, she suffered a heart-attack. She was rushed to the hospital and luckily recovered. I tell you this story to emphasize the lengths that the supposed peace-loving Imam Rauf and his cronies would go to insult us and build their victory tower. This Shariah-promoting man is not the peaceful bridge-builder he claims to be. He is pure evil. Remember the line from the film The Usual Suspects? "The greatest trick the Devil ever pulled was convincing the world he didn't exist." This is what it means.

But even with the support of President Obama and Mayor Bloomberg, good Americans everywhere saw through their Taqiyya. The President came out forcefully on their side and Mayor Bloomberg wagged his finger at us and said that "...we should be ashamed of ourselves." But 70% of America was on our side and this helped us turn the tide against these very bad people who wanted to intentionally thumb their nose at America.

What I have learned is truly disturbing. The people I have met who understood this threat long before I, took the time to teach me and help me understand the enemy's hatred for America and their nefarious intent to change it. The more I learned, the more I loved America and those who were brilliant enough to write our founding documents; and how fragile personal liberty is; and how precious equality is; and how it is our responsibility, like it has been for those before us, to protect these gifts and defend against anyone who wants to take them from us.

I didn't even know what Sharia was. My friend Debra Burlingame, whose brother "Chic" Burlingame was the pilot of the plane that slammed into the Pentagon, took me under her wing and began to educate me. I became a kind-of spokesman for our group of 9/11 families and survivors. I began to know the enemy better and I discovered the enemy was those who want to bring Sharia here to America. The scum-terrorists who were on those planes that day wanted to bring Sharia to America just the same as Imam Rauf and his supporters from the Council on American-Islamic Relations (CAIR) and other Muslim organizations in America do. The intent from them is the same. Make no mistake about it, they are playing for an end-game, and the end-game is Sharia law in America.

About two years ago I attended a national security round table where we discussed the clear and present danger to our freedoms presented by Sharia law in America. Some of the leading scholars on the threat were present. Also present, was a beautiful, articulate and emotional brown-skinned woman. She spoke passionately from her personal experience as a Muslim woman in a Sharia-controlled enclave in London. After the meeting, I approached her and asked her if she would join our 9/11 families and survivors group in speaking out publicly about the threat of Sharia. With fear in her eyes, she told me "No, no, no, I can never do that. I have three babies at home I have to protect. I would be scared for them". She continued to tell me how she fled England because of the Sharia neighborhoods guided by Shariah courts that were trying to control her and her family because she was a Muslim woman. She told me that America was her last hope of freedom from Shariah for her and her children. She was passionate in asking me for help in keeping Shariah out of this wonderful country.

This really is the only place on earth where freedom truly rings.

“Islam is a Religion of Peace”

I often hear the phrase “Islam is a religion of Peace.” Is it really just that simple? I never stop being amazed at those who know me, and know what happened to me, and know how many friends I lost saying it to me. That false notion is everywhere. It’s in our schools, it’s in our universities and it couldn’t be further from the truth.

First, Islam is not just a religion. It is an all-encompassing blueprint (Sharia) that directs all aspects of your life –social, legal, military, moral & religious. It is much different than what we’ve built here in America. It is the combining of religion and state, not the separation of religion and state as we have here. So when someone says Islam is a religion, please challenge them and tell them it is more than just a religion.

Second, they conveniently leave out the rest of the phrase. It should say “Islam is a system of Peace AND Violence.” Who can deny that? Of course most American Muslims are peaceful. Most of them are here to escape the tyranny of Sharia law! So when someone recites the phrase “Islam is a religion of peace,” please complete the phrase for them. Islam is a system of peace AND violence. I dare anyone to prove me wrong on this.

There are two ways the bad guys are trying to bring Sharia to America. The first is through violent jihad such as the attacks of Sept 11th, 2001. That is obvious. The second is through what has been coined as “soft-jihad.” Soft-jihad is a more stealthy means of imparting Shariah law, such as changing our text books to be

friendlier and less honest about Islam. This is occurring today throughout our educational system, from our grade schools to our most prestigious universities. Another way is through our financial system using Sharia-compliant finance. This is occurring on Wall Street as we speak. Another way is through our court-system, and that is what brings me here today.

Sharia in American Courts

The good news is that most American Muslims believe in the American Constitution and the freedoms and equalities it grants and they don't want to give them up. The bad news is that there are bad guys here who don't agree and would like to see America become a more Islamic state, similar to what has been done in England and other European countries. For example, in England, the first Sharia Court was recognized in 2008. Within one year, over 85 Shariah courts were established thereby creating a parallel court system that issues rulings that are completely incompatible with British and European law.

American courts are now at the beginning of this slippery slope.

The Center for Security Policy did a study that evaluated 50 Appellate Court cases from 23 states that involve conflicts between Shariah law and American state laws. These cases involve Muslim American families, mostly Muslim women and children who were asking American courts to preserve their rights to equal protection and due process (remember my Muslim friend I mentioned earlier). These families came to America for freedom from the discriminatory and cruel laws of Sharia. When our courts then apply Sharia law in the lives of these

families, and deny them equal protection, they are betraying the principles on which America was founded.

The study found 15 Trial Court cases and 12 Appellate Court cases where Sharia was found to be applicable. The facts are the facts: some judges are making decisions deferring to Shariah law even when those decisions conflict with US Constitutional protections.

The goal of this Act is to make it clear that no U.S. citizen or resident should be denied the liberties, rights, and privileges guaranteed in our America. The Act is needed especially to protect women and children, identified by international human rights organizations as the primary victims of discriminatory foreign laws.

It is imperative that we safeguard our constitutions' fundamentals, particularly the individual guarantees in the Bill of Rights, the sovereignty of our Nation and its people, and the principles of the rule of law—*American laws, not foreign laws.*

Who is Fighting Against This Legislation?

Now, let's take a look at who is fighting against this model legislation, namely the Council on American-Islamic Relations (CAIR). I have debated CAIR's Executive Director Nihad Awad regarding the Mosque on Ground Zero. This is a bad guy. He has called me an "Islamaphobe" and a "fear-monger." But the truth is I am a victim of those who want to bring Shariah to America. Mr. Awad is the bad guy. He IS the enemy in our war on radical Islamic terror. In fact, his organization is one of many unindicted co-conspirators in the largest terrorism trial ever in the American history, the 2008 Holy Land Foundation Trial. The FBI found that he and his comrades were funneling millions of dollars to the violent Islamist terrorist

group HAMAS. In fact, many in law enforcement believe Mr. Awad and company ARE HAMAS in America. Mr. Awad and company operate under the allowance called Taqiyya. Once you understand the truth about their intentions, you begin to identify when they are lying to you. Mr. Awad claims to be the largest Muslim advocacy group in America. I believe that CAIR is the biggest THREAT American Muslims face. In fact, the liberal Senator Chuck Schumer from New York sent a letter to the FBI demanding all government agencies cut ties to CAIR because they are a radical organization.

Omar Ahmad, co-founder of CAIR, made his intent clear in a July 4, 1998 San Ramon Valley Herald article: *"Islam isn't in America to be equal to any other faith, but to become dominant. The Qur'an should be the highest authority in America."*

CAIR is an offshoot of the Muslim Brotherhood, the same violent group that spawned HAMAS. The Muslim Brotherhood's strategic plan for North America was a closely-held secret until the FBI discovered it during a 2004 raid of a house in Annandale, Virginia. Agents discovered a secret basement containing internal Brotherhood documents, including the strategic plan titled, "An Explanatory Memorandum: On the General Strategic Goal for the Group."

The plan establishes the mission of the Muslim Brother in North America in this following passage:

The Ikhwan(Brotherhood) must understand that their work in America is a kind of grand jihad in eliminating and destroying the Western civilization from within and 'sabotaging' its miserable house by their hands and the hands of the believers so that it is eliminated and God's religion is made victorious over all other religions."

The ultimate goal of both violent jihad and stealth jihad is the same: the advancement and imposition of Islamic Sharia law throughout the world. Only the means to the end is different.

Islamists are being aided and abetted by the purveyors of political correctness -- my friend and 9/11 family member Michael Burke calls them "useful idiots" -- those in government, the media, academia and Hollywood who are apologists for and enablers of radical Islam, who refuse to acknowledge the supremacist political ideology embedded within Islam that motivates both the violent jihadist and the stealth jihadist.

Who Supports This Legislation?

Similar bills have been passed into law in three states, Tennessee (April 2010), Louisiana (June 2010) and Arizona (May 2011). It has not had a legal challenge in any of these states, likely because it is very difficult to challenge, which is a testament to it being very well-written.

American Laws for American Courts (ALAC) is moving its way through legislatures in dozens of states. It has been endorsed by groups of all walks of American life. The list includes the American Center for Law and Justice (ACLJ), the American Islamic Leadership Coalition (AILC), several prominent Christian and Jewish faith leaders and many national security professionals.

It is vitally important that we take note of the support from the American-Islamic Leadership Council. I will use their words to describe their organization; *"The American Islamic Leadership Coalition (AILC) is a diverse coalition of liberty-minded, North American Muslim leaders and organizations. AILC's mission*

advocates for defending the US Constitution, upholding religious pluralism, protecting American security and cherishing genuine diversity in the faith and practice of Islam. ALLC provides a stark alternative to the Islamist organizations that claim to speak for what are diverse American Muslim communities.”

Having a group of respected Muslim leaders stand up to the normal deceiving voice of radical American Muslim organizations like CAIR has become the fault-line between American Muslims who believe and defend the American way of life and those American Muslims who want to change it by turning us into a country ruled by Shariah law.

Remember the moment I told you about when I was running with Chief Burns to the South Tower of the World Trade Center and we knew instinctively we were at war? Well, the war is real, and the war is here. We need to fight back for the sake and the future of America. Kansas has the opportunity to take a big step in the right direction and lead this country away from the tyranny of Shariah law.

Conclusion

I applaud Congresswoman Mast for championing this bill, and for using the model bill ALAC as its basis, thereby avoiding the challenges other states are facing.

I wanted to come here to Kansas to personally ask you to pass this fair and necessary law on behalf of my best friends Terry and Patrick; on behalf of America's hero first responders and our other heroes who, right now are overseas fighting to defend our way of life, and for freedom and equality's sake themselves. It is our duty.

Thank you for inviting me into your home and listening to my story. I hope Kansas can see through the clutter and find it important enough to this great state, and, indeed to America to protect and defend these great laws we have developed over hundreds of years. I believe in personal freedom, in equality among ALL, religious freedom for ALL and the freedom to speak what I believe, when and where I want.

~Tim

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