



**Congress of the United States**  
**House of Representatives**  
**Washington, DC 20515**

January 30, 2015

His Excellency Jalil Abbas Jilani  
Ambassador of the Islamic Republic of Pakistan  
3517 International Court NW  
Washington, D.C. 20008

Dear Mr. Ambassador,

We are writing to you today after learning disturbing news regarding a Jewish cemetery in Karachi that dates back to the early 19<sup>th</sup> century. We are concerned by reports to develop the land currently occupied by this cemetery, which would lead to its destruction.

While those buried at this particular cemetery belong to members of Pakistan's Jewish community, ensuring protection of this site is not a religious issue, but rather a humanitarian one. Honoring and respecting the deceased is of the utmost importance and we hope that your government will continue to uphold this tradition regardless of religion, culture or race.

We respectfully request your assistance in confirming the validity of these reports and ask that you convey to your government the importance of preserving this historic site. We ask that you keep us informed about this matter and any future developments.

SINCERELY,

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STEVE ISRAEL  
Member of Congress

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PATRICK MURPHY  
Member of Congress