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Dear Thomas,

You may want to sit down for this.

Last week, in an interview with Glenn Beck, **Rep. Michele Bachmann said that Rep. Keith Ellison "has a long record of being associated ... with the Muslim Brotherhood."**¹

Bachmann has been leading a group of tea party extremists on a witch hunt, claiming that the Muslim Brotherhood has "deep penetration" into the federal government and recklessly charging government officials with collaboration.² Bachmann and her supporters have produced no evidence for their claims, and when Ellison called out their fearmongering about Muslims on CNN³—she turned her accusations toward him.

Rep. Ellison is the first Muslim member of Congress, and he is the co-chair of the Progressive Caucus. He's been a target for bigoted Republicans from the day he was sworn in, but this time, Bachmann has gone too far.

Keith needs to know that Minnesotans won't tolerate these McCarthy-like attacks. Can you chip in to Keith's campaign to show him we have his back?

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Bachmann's statements are so irresponsible, that even her Republican colleagues are calling her out. Speaker John Boehner called her statements "dangerous,"⁴ and the campaign manager of Bachmann's failed presidential campaign even wrote a Fox News editorial comparing her actions to McCarthyism.⁵

Rep. Ellison is not just a stalwart defender of minorities in our society; he is a champion of the 99% and an important voice for peace in the House. Recently, he has been an outspoken champion of voting rights, fighting voter suppression laws in Minnesota and around the country. He represents the best of public service—and we need to defend him. We cannot let this modern-day McCarthyism go unanswered.

Keith Ellison's campaign slogan is "Everybody counts, everybody matters."⁶ That is the example that members of Congress should be setting, and he needs our help making sure that we have more members of Congress like him, and fewer like Michele Bachmann. Chip in \$5 to support Keith:

<http://pol.moveon.org/2012c/give/ellison.html?aa=5&id=&t=2>

Thanks for all you do.

—Daniel, Levana, and the rest of the team

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