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Muslims for Progressive Values To Host Mona Eltahawy As Main Speaker For Benefit Reception In Washington, DC.

Los Angeles, CA – Tuesday, May 30, 2012: Muslims for Progressive Values (MPV) announces that Mona Eltahawy will be the keynote speaker for a benefit reception held at the Human Rights Campaign's headquarters in Washington, D.C. on October 29, 2012. Proceeds from ticket sales to support MPV's multi media projects.

Mona Eltahawy is a vocal defender of women's rights around the world, an award-winning columnist and an international public speaker on Arab and Muslim issues. She is based in New York. She is a columnist for the Toronto Star in Canada, for The Jerusalem Report in Israel and for Politiken in Denmark, and most famously for a cover story for Foreign Policy "Why Do They Hate Us". Her opinion pieces have been published frequently in The Washington Post and the International Herald Tribune and she has appeared as a guest analyst in several media outlets.

For the second year, the Human Rights Campaign Religion and Faith program is hosting the reception. As the largest civil rights organization working to achieve equality for lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender Americans, the Human Rights Campaign represents a force of more than one million members and supporters nationwide – all committed to making HRC's vision a reality. HRC's Religion and Faith program has been a longtime supporter of the work of MPV.

What: Benefit Reception

Where: Human Rights Campaign
1640 Rhode Island Ave. NW
Washington, D.C. 20036

When: Monday, October 29, 2012
6:30pm to 8:30pm

A musical performance by Ani Zonneveld introducing a new genre of Islamic music will be given at the reception.

Additional details about the reception as well as ticketing information will be published closer to the event date.

To learn more about MPV please visit www.mpvusa.org.

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To arrange for an interview of Ani Zonneveld please contact her at 323-842-2869 (PST) or ani@mpvusa.org

Muslims for Progressive Values (MPV) is a 501 (c) (3) founded in 2007. MPV asserts that Islam is inherently progressive, inclusive and egalitarian which is an understanding that informs the ten principles by which the organization is guided. In the short years since its inception, MPV has expanded to include chapters in Los Angeles, Washington DC, Atlanta and Philadelphia as well as in Ottawa and Toronto, Canada. More information can be found at www.mpvusa.org.