

New Hampshire Organizational Accountability and Tax Exemption Review

“Islamic Society” Out of Our State and Politics

Protecting New Hampshire Through Enforcement of Federal and State Law

Islamic Society of North America

The Islamic Society of North America, commonly known as ISNA, is a national Islamic organization with federal tax exempt status. In September 2026, Representative Keith Self requested that the Internal Revenue Service investigate whether ISNA violated federal restrictions governing 501(c)(3) organizations through political campaign activity at its annual convention. The request followed reporting concerning political campaign activity involving Abdul El Sayed at the 63rd annual ISNA Convention in Detroit.

According to the reporting cited by Representative Self, campaign workers operated an exhibitor booth, promoted the candidate, solicited donations, and recruited volunteers at the convention. Representative Self requested an examination of whether ISNA directly or indirectly participated in political campaign activity and whether its conduct remains consistent with Section 501(c)(3). These allegations remain matters for the federal authorities to examine, and a request for investigation should be distinguished from a final government determination.

Council on American Islamic Relations

The Council on American Islamic Relations, commonly known as CAIR, has also been the subject of federal requests for examination. In August 2025, Senator Tom Cotton requested an IRS investigation concerning CAIR’s 501(c)(3) status, including questions concerning its financial records, affiliations, and conduct. On January 13, 2026, House Ways and Means Chairman Jason Smith referred CAIR California to the IRS for investigation and potential revocation of its tax exempt status.

The Concord Housing Dispute

A significant local example involves the IQRA Islamic Society of Greater Concord and the redevelopment of the former *First Church* property at 177 North Main Street. Concord city records document a proposed 30 unit residential development and identify IQRA Islamic Society of Greater Concord as an abutting property owner at 181 North Main Street. The Islamic Society challenged zoning approvals connected with the proposed development.

The dispute involved parking, property use, and the effects of the proposed residential development upon the surrounding area. Concord records subsequently documented a proposed settlement involving additional parking for the Islamic Society while allowing the housing project to proceed. The city records provide a factual basis for examining the organization’s participation in a major local land use dispute. Since the pandemic, homelessness in Concord has more than doubled.

Housing and New Hampshire's Public Interest

New Hampshire communities continue to face substantial demand for additional housing. Residential development therefore has consequences for families, workers, property owners, municipalities, businesses, and local infrastructure. A proposed 30 unit apartment development in Concord represents a matter of public interest because housing availability affects the community.

Foreign Connections and Organizational Accountability

New Hampshire residents may examine the international relationships of organizations operating within the state. Foreign donations, foreign organizational relationships, international political connections, and overseas financial activity can raise legitimate questions concerning transparency and federal requirements. Those questions should be answered through financial records, organizational documents, required disclosures, and evidence concerning actual relationships.

Criminal Conduct and Terrorism

Many Islamic organizations have been under investigation for terrorism activity. In June 2026, HHS announced that it had opened an investigation into CAIR's alleged ties to Hamas and the Muslim Brotherhood and the use of **millions of dollars** in federally funded grants. It is clear that modern political terrorism is being funded by U.S. taxpayers against their will and rights.

As it stands today, Christians remain the most persecuted group in the world. Islamist terrorism remains a significant and immediate terrorism threat to the United States. Federal authorities continue to identify ISIS, al Qaida, and individuals inspired by foreign terrorist organizations as serious threats to the American homeland.

New Hampshire's Authority

New Hampshire has authority over matters within its jurisdiction, including state charitable registration, state tax matters, zoning, property regulation, municipal governance, and state criminal law. Federal agencies retain authority over federal tax exemption, immigration, foreign agent registration, federal criminal statutes, and other matters assigned to the federal government. Cooperation between state and federal authorities can provide a lawful mechanism for addressing issues that cross jurisdictional boundaries.

New Hampshire should use every lawful authority available to protect its taxpayers and institutions. State officials can request records, review registrations, examine state benefits, investigate violations within state jurisdiction, and refer federal matters to the appropriate federal agency. Government action should follow established procedures and documented evidence.

Requested Review of Islamic Organizations Operating in New Hampshire

New Hampshire should conduct a regulatory review of organizations operating within the state. Such review can include tax exempt status, charitable registration, public funding, political activity,

lobbying, property transactions, zoning participation, foreign financial relationships, and conflicts of interest.

Conclusion

New Hampshire has a responsibility to protect its taxpayers, housing supply, property owners, municipal institutions, political processes, and communities. Organizations operating within the state should respect New Hampshire law, comply with federal requirements, maintain appropriate financial records, and participate in civic affairs through established legal procedures. Tax exempt status, charitable privileges, public funding, and political influence should always remain subject to the requirements attached to those privileges.

The documented federal requests involving ISNA and CAIR provide legitimate subjects for public examination concerning tax exempt status and organizational conduct. The Concord dispute involving IQRA Islamic Society provides a separate local example involving religious organization participation in municipal land use and housing matters. These examples support continued attention to how organizations receiving public or tax exempt benefits operate within New Hampshire.

New Hampshire should remain governed by New Hampshire law and the constitutional system of the United States. Organizations seeking foreign influence within the state should remain accountable for their financial activities, political activities, property interests, and relationships with public institutions. **Protection of the public interest of New Hampshire natives should be the priority at this time.**

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