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Rep. Ted Deutch
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Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Rep. Deutch:

As president of the nation's largest Catholic civil rights organization, I am requesting the House Committee on Ethics to issue a letter of reprimand to Rep. Rashida Tlaib.

On March 15, Rep. Tlaib retweeted a March 14 post by activist David Hogg that read, "Don't let this administration address COVID-19 like our national gun violence epidemic. F**k a National day of prayer, we need immediate comprehensive action." [Both tweets did not use asterisks.]

Her reputation for using filthy language is well known, but it is typically aimed at some person whom she loathes. Many Christians and Jews loathe her for her hate speech as well, but they don't resort to obscenities. Now she has targeted entire collectivities, crossing the line by insulting Catholics, Protestants, Jews, Mormons, Muslims and people of all faiths.

In a time when the nation is trying to come together, Rep. Tlaib is attacking the faithful. At the very least, the House Ethics Committee should reprimand her. In 1921, Rep. Thomas L. Blanton was actually censured for inserting into the *Congressional Record* a document that contained "blasphemous and obscene" language. To do nothing is to send the wrong message to millions of Americans.

Sincerely,

William A. Donohue, Ph.D.

President