

Testimony for Emily Gottfried

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I have known Emily Gottfried for over 15 years and applaud all her efforts to engage with the diverse communities in Portland, Oregon. Despite all the challenges that the human family faces, Emily was always in the fore-front of building bridges and cultivating relations with everyone around her. Emily has been a long-time friend for so many individuals I have known for the past 26 years and her passion for interfaith work was reflected on the many relationships she built over the years. Emily was the coordinator of the Human Rights poster contest which our students regularly participated in for the past 4 years. Emily spearheaded this wonderful effort which opened up many doors for our students to express themselves and communicate their own views of the world. It gave them a chance to express their faith and compassion for human rights in a visual manner that was very well received and appreciated by all the judges. Despite some of our differences, these differences never hindered our working together for the betterment of the society. We always had respect for each other. I came today to testify Emily's accomplishments to fight hunger and human rights in the Portland metropolitan area. The Quran says: "Invite (all) to the Way of thy Lord with wisdom and beautiful preaching; and argue with them in ways that are best and most gracious: for thy Lord knows best, who have strayed from His Path, and who receive guidance." Quran 16:125



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Sincerely,

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