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TO: NMSU students and employees

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SUBJECT: Support for our Muslim community

The recent murders of four Muslim men in Albuquerque, including one on Friday of last week, is absolutely appalling. Each of these men was shot and police believe they were targeted because of their race and religion. It's even more disturbing that investigators are still searching for the person responsible for these heinous acts.

New Mexico State University is a caring community, dedicated to supporting one another as we work in the areas of education, research and outreach. There are many reasons students and faculty members from around the nation and the world come to NMSU, but one key reason we hear of time and again is that we are a supportive space that respects and honors the different lived experiences of students, staff and faculty. We support our Muslim community and we condemn these murders.

Because these killings occurred in our state, in a city many of us know well, it's understandable for members of the NMSU community to feel uneasy. We encourage anyone who may need additional support, including counseling services, to contact the Aggie Health and Wellness Center at 575-646-6428.