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## MSA National disappointed with Irvine 11 verdict

(NEW YORK, September 23, 2011) - Muslims students around the country are deeply disappointed to learn that the Irvine 11 were criminalized for exercising their right to free speech and civil disobedience.

MSA National believes that the verdict compromises our American principles of freedom and justice and sets a detrimental precedent for peaceful protests, which are a true reflection of democracy and a rich part of our nation's history.

"As American students, we are constantly challenged and encouraged to express our views," said Zahir Latheef, president of MSA National. "Finding the actions of the Irvine 11 unlawful threatens to silence all American citizens who seek to voice their opinions whether on campus or elsewhere."

MSA National sends its thoughts and prayers of strength and patience to the Irvine 11 and their families and friends.

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Established in January 1963, the Muslim Students' Association of the U.S. & Canada (MSA National) is a non-profit organization that strives to educate and empower the students of today to be citizens of tomorrow's community. To achieve this, MSA National organizes events and campaigns focusing on faith, fellowship, and service.