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Dear Ray,

Thank you so much for participating in our symposium "USA PATRIOT Act in Perspective: Threat or Protection?" I can't tell you how pleased I am with the outcome of the event. By all accounts, the event was a great success. We have heard from colleagues, students, and community members, all of whom were pleased with the depth and breadth of the discussion. Many students and faculty have approached me over the last several days to tell me how much they learned about USA PATRIOT and the political maelstrom surrounding it. The success of the program was due in no small measure to your participation, and I can't thank you enough for participating.

I know that you have a tremendously busy schedule and I truly appreciate your willingness to join us for this panel. I think it was an enormously interesting, even provocative, discussion and served its purpose of presenting a broad range of views on the subject to our audience. On a more personal note, I want to thank you for sharing your personal insights into this issue. I particularly admire the way you balance humor with hard-hitting and passionate criticism of this truly harmful piece of legislation. Your anecdotes and experiences painted a vivid picture of the sense of concern and fear in the Arab community. Our students need to hear these stories; they need to understand that these issues affect us all, as Americans, as beneficiaries of the rights granted us under the Constitution. It's a sad commentary on our culture, but we desperately need to be reminded of our rights and, more pointedly, of our previous intolerances. Your presentation served as a wake-up call!

Once again, I thank you wholeheartedly for your willingness to participate in our USA PATRIOT Act symposium. It would not have been as successful without your participation. I hope that it was an equally rewarding experience for you.

With all best wishes,

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