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STATEMENT BY: MICHAEL P. TURNER, SPOKESMAN, TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF BERNARDS REGARDING: TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE AND PLANNING BOARD ACTION ON THE ISLAMIC SOCIETY OF BASKING RIDGE AND US DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE LAWSUITS

"The Township Committee of the Township of Bernards and the Township Planning Board today took no action regarding litigation brought by the Islamic Society of Basking Ridge (ISBR) and subsequent litigation brought by the US Department of Justice (USDOJ).

As elected leaders, our goal is to promote the quiet and peaceful use of property for all members of our community. Settlement, in our opinion and that of our legal counsel, represents the most effective path forward to mitigate the financial risk of protracted litigation as well as resolve the issue of the ISBR's proposed Islamic Cultural Center and Mosque in Liberty Corner.

Since the matter is not completely resolved, we must withhold any further comment."