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**Letter from: Students at Minneapolis Community and Technical College**

## To all Muslim brothers and sisters,

As you already know by now, the columnist Katherine Kersten of Star Tribune has been writing on the issue of Minneapolis Community and Technical College administration's proposal to install foot baths for Muslim students.

This has been a concern to all of us because it affects how we prepare for prayer, especially if some of us were to perform (Wudu) in the school. Some students who perform Wudu in the school might have to alter this habit and perform Wudu at home. This is because performing Wudu in the school's restrooms has resulted in an injury of a fellow Muslim student and many others complain mostly about the condition of restrooms after the Wudu has been performed.

Unfortunately, there are times in which Wudu is forgotten or nullified as many of you including us have experienced this situation. As a direct effect, some of us might use the restrooms to perform Wudu out of convenience and the necessity to pray. But brothers and sisters this decision or choice has greatly contributed to the cause behind the college administration's proposal of installing designated foot-washing room in our campus. This is because the college administrators wish to accomplish objectives out of this proposal. First, members want to eliminate the primary problem of performing Wudu in the restrooms because this might cause more injuries, viewed as safety issue.

Lately, there are a lot of complaints about how we perform Wudu or footwashing in the school. The college decided that they will construct a facility for foot washing because it is a safety issue and customer service for the administration. There are people who oppose to this proposal and local media has exaggerated. However, our brothers and sisters we want you to give support this great opportunity for Muslims on campus as well as the safety of other students here at MCTC.

Write a statement in respond to the issue done in neutral tone and not offending anyone, please! Another one is to contact representatives and inform the facts about the issue, in terms of Wudu in the Islamic way.

All of our voices must be heard. So far it has been heard only from one side (the negative), "YOU MUST SPEAK, TOO."

**Who do you call to address this issue?** These are the lists of all representatives within Hennepin County and its area. Please say it in the email or over the phone, it is safety issue and customer service. It is not one religion promotion as Star Tribune has exaggerated. Also, there are many college and universities have foot-washing place. These are the links for the issues and visit please what she had said on her column.

<http://www.startribune.com/blogs/kersten/>

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