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**PROTEST LETTER:  Mr. Michael Parenti (supporter of Milosevic and genocide denier) as guest speaker for the Lone Star College, Kingwood, Texas**  
Bosnian Community in Dallas/Fort Worth area has been deeply disturbed after it was notified that Mr. Michael Parenti will be a guest speaker at the Lone Star College in Kingwood, Texas.

An educational institution has a duty to present the 'truth', or at least to present two sides of a subject so that students who are taught to seek valid sources for information and develop critical thinking skills, can understand complex issues.

As Americans, we all appreciate the freedom of speech, but at the same time we are horrified that Mr. Parenti -  who openly denies genocide in Bosnia - will be presented as an 'expert' on this subject.  It is unfortunate that any educational institution is presenting a speaker who denies that rapes, ethnic cleansing, and organized crimes against humanity took place in our beloved Bosnia.

We, as American Bosnians, have suffered enough, and that people such as Mr. Parenti continue todeny that such brutalities took place when the highest International Court for War Crimes in Hague has convicted multiple Serbian high ranking military and civil officials for their role in the war in Bosnian and Herzegovian such as Serbian General Zdravko Tolimir who was convicted and sentenced to life in prison for genocide and “horrific mass murder” of Bosniaks in the town of Srebrenica in July of 1995.  During the Bosnian war, from 1992 to 1995, an estimated 100,000 people lost their lives, mostly innocent civilians, but Mr. Parenti continues to deny that such atrocities took place and ever happened to Bosnian people

Our people who live in the United States and in North Texas are still wounded and bleeding for family members who were killed, tortured, raped, displaced and to those that to this day live with emotional scars that will most likely never heal. Many Bosnians have found their second home in Texas after we were ethnically cleansed from our homes in Bosnia; finding our peace here we learned to love Texas as our own second home.   Knowing that Mr. Parenti decided to come to this state deeply affected us. On January 24th 2013 we wrote Dr. John J. Theis at the Lone Star College asking him to reconsider his decision to invite Mr. Parenti to speak.

**Bosnaik Association Lily** is the local non-profit organization organized in March of 2007 with the goal to organize Bosniaks in DFW area. Bonsiaks Association Lily is dedicated to commemoration of cultural, historical and religious traditions of Bosniaks from Bosnia and Herzegovina and surrounding countries. Its mission is to build mutual understanding and respect by linking diverse international cultural communities. The organization promotes and links Texas Bosnaiks groups and associations through its cultural and religious calendar and special events. For more details about Bosniaks Association Lily call 214-718-5860 or e-mail [espahalic@verizon.net](mailto:espahalic@verizon.net) .