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PRESIDENT JOE BIDEN
The White House
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW
Washington, DC 20500

RE: Celebration of Diwali, the Hindu/Buddhist/Jain/Sikh "Festival of Lights", at the White House

Dear President Biden,

Five million American Hindus live in the United States. In addition, there are three million American Buddhists and a large number of other Americans who believe in the Jain and Sikh faiths. Most of them are yours and VP Kamala Harris's ardent supporters.

Every year, a billion-plus Hindus, and other faiths in the world and in the United States celebrate Diwali (i.e., "festival of lights"). This is similar to Christmas for Christians. Since last several years every US Presidents have shown their respect to American Hindus, Buddhists, Jains, and Sikhs by celebrating Diwali in the White House. We humbly urge your support to do the same.

American Hindu Coalition (AHC) is an umbrella organization also representing the Buddhists, Sikhs and Jains American citizens who believe in Hindu enlightenment principals. We would be honored to organize and participate in the Diwali celebration at The White House. This year on Thursday, November 4th, American Hindus Buddhists, Sikhs, and Jains will observe Diwali in our homes and our temples.

American Hindu Coalition will take care of all the celebration logistics including inviting the ambassadors of almost 15 countries where a large number of Hindus live, area community leaders who celebrate Diwali and the ethnic media. We will bring the most popular area priest, worship materials, idols, flowers, lighting lamp and of course the sweets. If time allows, we can also put together a small cultural program with Dandiya highlighting the spirit of the Holy Navratris.

Hindus/Buddhists/Sikhs/Jains are the most educated, peace loving, highest per capita income group and compelled to their civic duties. Your support in American Hindu Coalition (AHC) organizing the Diwali celebration will bring tremendous admiration to your administration from the community.

Through this letter we are asking you to please open the door at White House and facilitate the celebration. The celebration will take a small time but will light up the hearts of billions of Hindus, Buddhists, Sikhs, and Jains worldwide who love you and pray for your administration's success.

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Respectfully,

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Ron Klain, White House Chief of Staff

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