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Dear Friends:

I am honored to participate in marking the Palm Beach India Association's (PBIA) fourth annual IndiaFEST. PBIA is a vital part of the South Florida community that has successfully fostered a sense of unity and activism within the Indian community in South Florida. PBIA has also sought to educate non-Indian residents of Palm Beach about the expansive spectrum of Indian culture. Events such as IndiaFEST continue these efforts and promote a greater sense of community for all who live in our area.

While the purpose of IndiaFEST is to bring different facets of India to the people of South Florida, its impact extends far beyond local boundaries. IndiaFEST plays an ambassadorial role by highlighting the strong ties that exist between the United States and India, allies that share the values of democracy and freedom.

As a member of the Congressional Caucus on India and Indian-Americans, it is my honor to promote enhanced U.S.-Indian relations, further economic development in India, and support the Indian community here in the United States. For nearly 60 years, America and India have fostered a strong bilateral relationship, based on our common commitment to democracy, security and peace. Since September 11, the government and people of India have demonstrated steadfast and unconditional support for the United States, and the American people appreciate the support of India. Events such as IndiaFEST highlight our cross-cultural ties, and I commend PBIA for its success.

IndiaFEST 2006 was a great success, with over 12,000 people in attendance and extensive print and media coverage. Such attention was well-deserved, and I anticipate that this year's event will attract even greater attention and attendance. I would like to thank PBIA for hosting this much celebrated event and for donating its proceeds to Miami Children's Hospital and Pratham, a non-profit group from India that builds schools in rural areas. I look forward to working with PBIA in the future to promote even deeper ties between India and the United States.

With warm regards,

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