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## Congress of the United States House of Representatives

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Dear Friends,

I send you all my best wishes for the Diwali Lights of India festival!

Diwali is a time for our vibrant multicultural community to come together and celebrate the core values of Diwali:

1. The triumph of light over darkness;
2. Knowledge over ignorance; and
3. Good over evil.

I am grateful for opportunities like NorthWest Share's prominent Diwali Festival as it serves as a powerful reminder for each of us to see the light in our community, in each other, and within ourselves.

Across Washington's First Congressional District, I continually see small businesses, non-profits, government, and community members showing up for each other and for their communities. And like the celebration of Diwali, this kindness and generosity are beautiful to witness and be a part of.

I would like to thank Latha Sambamurti, Harry Terhanian, and all the Northwest Share and Vedic Cultural Center volunteers for their work in putting together this wonderful program. I would also like to thank Seattle Center Festival for hosting and all the artists for sharing their incredible talents with us.

Please accept my warm wishes for the event as you celebrate with friends and family. I hope everyone enjoys the performances, activities, and food.

Happy Diwali!

Sincerely,



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