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Friends:

I am honored to send greetings on the occasion of the 2023 Diwali: Lights of India festival.

Diwali is a beautiful reminder that light prevails over darkness and that goodness will guide us toward a better future. I came to the United States from India alone at the age of 16 and consider myself a daughter of both countries. The Diwali celebration brings back many memories of my family and friends here and in India lighting lamps and being together in community. As the first South Asian woman elected to the U.S. House of Representatives, I am proud to continue to celebrate and uplift Diwali so that everyone can be reminded that light will ultimately prevail.

Though I could not celebrate with you in person, I commend Northwestshare, Seattle Center and 4Culture for their hard work to organize, host and support this event. The celebration would not be possible without the dedication of Northwestshare and Vediccultural Center volunteers, Harry Terhanian, Latha Sambamurti and all the incredible artists participating in the festival.

May your day be filled with joy and light. Enjoy the celebration!

Sincerely,



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Member of Congress