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September 22, 2019

His Excellency Narendra Modi
Prime Minister
Republic of India
New Delhi – 110011

Dear Prime Minister Modi:

Welcome to Houston! As you may know, I have been a friend of the region for many, many years. And I have visited India and Pakistan many, many times and each time I have focused on the importance of human rights as well as the amazing economic growth in the region.

I am writing specifically for the following points, recognizing the sovereign status of India as a major power in the world; however, those of us who have been friends of the region ask for you and your government to consider the importance of democratic ideals, freedom, and justice for all, and the mercy and respect for those who are different. Therefore, I make this request that I have received from many of my constituents.

1. To allow Christians to worship without persecution throughout India
2. To resolve the Kashmir area by working with your neighboring country Pakistan. It is not an insult to try to find a resolution
3. If issues of communication, healthcare, and imprisonment are going to be resolved, then India should make an international statement, preferably after bi-laterals with the leader of Pakistan

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I believe it is important to use diplomacy in trying to resolve the situation in Kashmir. There are so many people in the United States who raise the issue of human rights in that region along with the necessities that are needed by the people. With two nuclear powers like India and Pakistan, I would hope that at least the diplomatic leadership in each of the nations could work to a solution that can respond to this decades old conflict.

Thank you for your consideration of our mutual desires for peace.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Sheila Jackson Lee". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Sheila" being the most prominent.

Sheila Jackson Lee
Member of Congress