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Dear Elected Representative,

I am confident that you are aware of the tragic earthquakes in Nepal, and the humanitarian need this has created. What you may not be aware of, however, is the extent of the problems that Nepal faces in the coming weeks. Nepal is suffering not only from the physical damage to its people and infrastructure; it is now suffering from the problems with governance and inefficiency. We need your help to ensure that the generosity of the American people is not squandered. Specifically, we ask you to assist us as outlined in the attached petition.

As well intentioned as the various government-run humanitarian organizations may be, Nepal could very easily become a situation reminiscent of Haiti- where resources have been wasted and accountability has been lacking. USAID has spent about \$1.5 billion since the earthquake in Haiti, with less than a penny of every dollar going to a Haitian organization. The reality is that the current US strategy in our humanitarian approach to the situation in Nepal is not effective. It serves not our taxpayers nor does it advance our foreign policy goals.

While the numbers of casualties and other data is compelling, the real disaster has yet to strike. With the approach of the monsoon season, relief efforts will be halted, and disease will begin to spread. This impending medical disaster, when coupled with the moral blights of human trafficking and child labor, makes for a much larger issue than what is being covered in the media.

Thankfully, Nepalese-American communities across the United States and others are aware of the looming tragedy, and want more organized and efficient relief effort by part of the United States government. We at the JRM Foundation are working with NGOs and local organizations in Nepal to create a model of private-led, government-supported aid, as opposed to the other way around. We believe this approach is fundamentally American. With your help, we can put it in action and save taxpayer resources. We will not stand by and watch as Nepal becomes another Haiti.

The situation in Nepal, though it is dire, creates an opportunity for America to create, test, and refine a model for the rest of the world to follow in terms of immediate and long-term disaster relief. Americans are generous but are sickened when they see tragedy endure and money disappear. Our mission is threefold- to first relieve, then rebuild, and finally rehabilitate the victims of the 2015 Nepal earthquakes as outlined in our petition. Please see the attached petition signed by representatives of hundreds of thousands of representatives of Nepalese-American communities. As our elected representative, we would like you to take the following action as outlined and signed by your constituents.

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PETITION: To all American and International Nepali Communities and Leadership.

GOAL: Unite under one platform and have a unified voice.

PROPOSAL: Request United States Government to have a more organized and structured relief effort in Nepal, in partnership with local Nepali organizations.

Dear Friends,

An earthquake of 7.8 magnitude hit Nepal on April 25 followed by another devastating 7.3 earthquake on May 12th. To date, there have been well over 100 aftershocks.

The Death toll has risen above 8,000, including 6 U.S Marines, Nepali Army Personnel, and many others. Thousands of people in remote villages continue to be impacted by landslides. Many communities have suffered complete loss with little to no shelter and limited access to food and medical supplies.

Aftermath of these events is about to create additional humanitarian crisis. Several Hundred thousand people are threatened: Risk of potential epidemic crisis may be inevitable. Lack of drinkable water, food and shelter will continue to be major issues. There are also growing threats of increase in human trafficking due to the thousands of displaced families and particularly children.

Petition:

We ask the US government to:

1. Continue and increase long term logistical support in Nepal to help rebuild the devastated regions
2. Increase financial pledge to \$100 Million to restore infrastructures (roads, hospitals, schools, etc.) and assist in rebuilding the local economy
3. Engage the local population to improve their capacity to rebuild with minimal hands-on support, but strengthen oversight from organizations (like USAID) that are distributing and managing funds.
4. "Suggestion on TPS: We urge our representatives from all states to give their due consideration and support for the bill: H.R 2033- Nepal Temporary Protected Status Act of 2015".

Sincerely,

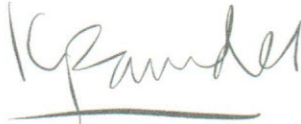


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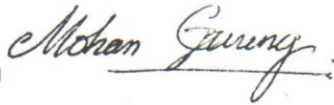


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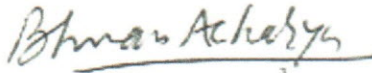
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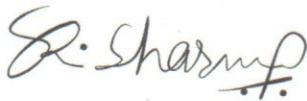
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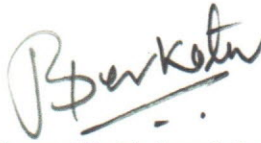




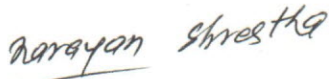
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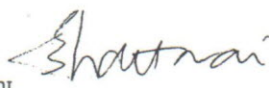
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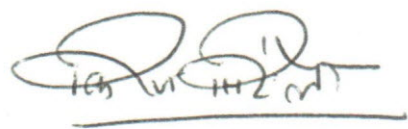
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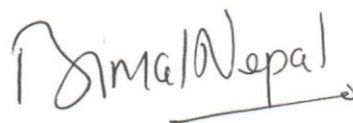
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April 28, 2015

The Honorable Peter W. Bodde
Ambassador to the United States
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Dear Ambassador Bodde:

My thoughts and prayers are with you and the people of Nepal as work continues to recover from the tragic earthquake.

I am writing in regard to a medical team being led by Dr. Fahim Rahim of Pocatello, Idaho. The team is being sponsored by the JRM Foundation for Humanity, a fund of a not-for-profit organization with the Idaho Community Foundation.

I have known Dr. Fahim Rahim and his brother Naeem Rahim for several years. They are two well-known nephrologists in Idaho, and I honored them with the Spirit of Idaho Award for their demonstrated commitment to improving their community and serving their fellow citizens.

While they are in Nepal assisting with the earthquake recovery, I hope you might be able to extend every courtesy to the team as they assist with disaster relief efforts. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to call me or my staff at 202-224-6142.

Sincerely,



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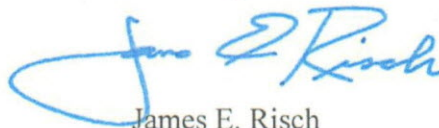
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