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Hon. Ausaf Sayeed
Consul General
Consulate General of the Republic of India
455 N. Cityfront Plaza Drive, Suite 850
Chicago, IL 60611

Dear Consul General Sayeed,

As Governor of the State of Illinois, it is a privilege to extend my warmest greetings to you, to all the members of Chicago's consular corps, distinguished members of the Indian American community in Chicago, and all guests gathered to celebrate India's Independence. Tonight's reception is a wonderful opportunity for Indian Americans in Illinois to rejoice in their rich heritage and remember all those who sacrificed for India's independence.

Illinois home to over 100,000 Indian Americans and I am deeply proud of all that the Indian American community has accomplished in our great state. The Indian community's vibrant culture and rich history is a cornerstone of the diverse communities that shape our state. With your leadership, I hope to continue building on our economic and cultural successes. It gives me great pleasure to join in recognizing this special day.

On behalf of the people of Illinois, I offer my best wishes for a memorable celebration of the 70th anniversary India's Independence.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Bruce Rauner".

Bruce Rauner
Governor, State of Illinois