



# Tamil Americans United

## Political Action Committee

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Dear Ambassador Julie Chung,

We, Tamil Americans United PAC, would like to take this opportunity to congratulate you on your appointment as the US Ambassador to Sri Lanka. Many of us, as first generation immigrants to the United States, share the same family values as yourself and are proud and thankful for our parents for instilling the principles of hard work and love for faith and Country. We are looking forward to working with you on matters that are important to Tamil Americans related to the plight of Tamils in Sri Lanka.

As you are already aware, the Tamil people suffered tens of thousands of deaths, disappearances, abuses, and displacements since independence in 1948 due to Sri Lankan State oppression. We urge the United States to continue working with the United Nations General Assembly, the United Nations Security Council, and the United Nations Human Rights Council to establish a credible and effective independent international mechanism for accountability and investigate what we firmly believe as genocide committed against Tamils at the end of the civil conflict in Sri Lanka. We are very much encouraged by your comments to speak "clearly and consistently in support of democratic values, human rights, and a strong civil society that are essential to democracies and central to our foreign policy approach". Thus, to ensure non-recurrence and offer the Tamils full protection, freedom, and sovereignty, we request your recommendation to the US in utilizing the QUAD to conduct a UN monitored referendum and democratically resolve the long standing Tamils' national question.

We also note your comments that you wish to engage the many voices of the Sri Lankan diaspora in the United States who make valuable contributions in our bilateral relationship. Tamil diaspora organizations in the US have jointly formulated a document, "[Declaration of Common Principles of Tamils](#)", to serve as the basis to find a democratic, peaceful, and permanent political solution that meets Tamils' aspirations. We see the [H.Res.413](#) that has been introduced in the 117th Congress 1st session by Rep. Deborah Ross and view it is a step in the right direction.

We are looking forward to working with you.

Sincerely,

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