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To Whom It May Concern:

On Behalf of the Hindu Dharma Acharya Sabha, We are pleased to extend our blessings to the Forum for Religious Freedom (FRF) which has been formed as a charitable and religious organization devoted to the service of Hindu Dharma and all the religious traditions committed to preserving religious mores and cultural diversity.

We are especially delighted to know that among the goals of this organization is the promotion of the separation of religion and state, a very important issue to ensure the religious freedom.

In India one of the key challenges Hindus face is Governmental control of and interference in the management of temples, which is robbing temples of their cultural and religious vitality. The funds contributed by ordinary Hindus out of their simple religious devotion are being diverted by the Governments for various purposes, without the consent and knowledge of the donors. The temples themselves are being deprived of funds for their upkeep and maintenance. Services to devotees and pilgrims, who often travel long distances, are suffering. The arts and culture promoted by temples are on the decline. Some of the money is also being used for anti-Hindu activities.

We wish to urge Hindus all over the world to educate themselves on this crucial issue that affects their religious freedom, and to act to correct this situation. We urge them to extend all support to the aims and objectives of the Forum for Religious Freedom

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