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June 10, 2026

The Honorable Marco Rubio  
Secretary of State  
U.S. Department of State  
Washington, DC 20520

Dear Secretary Rubio,

We write today regarding our concerns about the recently proposed amendments to India’s Foreign Contribution Regulation Act (FCRA), which would significantly expand the Indian government’s authority over nongovernmental organizations, religious ministries, charities, and humanitarian institutions receiving foreign support.

India remains one of America’s most important strategic partners. Our nations share strong economic, diplomatic, and security ties rooted in democratic principles and the rule of law. Moreover, India’s Constitution guarantees freedom of religion under Article 25, and India’s democratic traditions should provide space for peaceful religious and charitable organizations to operate free from discriminatory targeting or excessive government control. That is why these proposed amendments warrant urgent attention from the United States government.

The proposed FCRA amendments would authorize the Indian government to provisionally take control of assets belonging to organizations that lose or fail to renew FCRA registration and permanently vest those assets in the government if registration is not restored. The legislation would also empower government-appointed “Designated Authorities” to supervise, transfer, liquidate, dispose of, or redirect organizational property and financial resources. In practical terms, these provisions would give the Indian government sweeping authority over privately donated charitable assets, including funds and property financed through contributions from American citizens and organizations.

These provisions pose a direct threat to Christian ministries, churches, schools, orphanages, hospitals, and humanitarian organizations serving some of India's poorest and most vulnerable communities. Faith-based charities operating feeding programs, medical clinics, orphan care ministries, anti-human trafficking initiatives, disaster relief efforts, and educational institutions could face the loss of facilities, bank accounts, vehicles, humanitarian supplies, and other operational assets simply because of an adverse registration decision by the government.

These amendments also raise serious concerns for American citizens and charitable organizations that faithfully support humanitarian and ministry work throughout India. American churches, charities, and individual donors contribute millions of dollars annually to support religious and humanitarian efforts serving vulnerable communities across the country. Under these proposed amendments, funds donated by American citizens for charitable and religious purposes could ultimately be seized, controlled, transferred, or liquidated by the Indian government if an organization's registration is suspended or revoked.

Americans should be free to support humanitarian and religious work abroad without fear that their charitable donations will be confiscated through opaque regulatory action lacking meaningful due process protections. This is not only a religious liberty concern. It is also a property rights and human rights issue that threatens the independence of civil society and undermines confidence in international philanthropy.

For years, faith-based organizations operating in India have faced increasing pressure under the FCRA framework. Thousands of NGOs have lost FCRA licenses in recent years, including many organizations engaged in medical care, education, disaster relief, anti-trafficking efforts, and ministry to the poor.

Reports indicate that the Indian government has delayed further consideration of these proposed amendments following growing public concern and criticism from civil society organizations, religious groups, and humanitarian advocates. While this delay is encouraging, the legislation remains pending and continues to create significant uncertainty for faith-based ministries, charitable organizations, and American-supported humanitarian efforts operating throughout India.

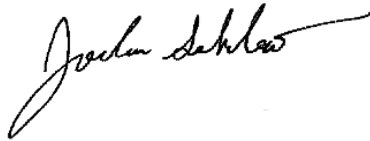
President Trump and his Administration have consistently affirmed that religious liberty is a fundamental human right that must be protected both at home and abroad. America's commitment to defending people of faith, protecting charitable ministry, and advancing international religious freedom should extend to addressing these deeply concerning developments in India.

We respectfully urge the State Department to closely examine these proposed amendments as part of the United States' ongoing commitment to international religious freedom and human rights. We further ask that the Administration engage Indian officials regarding the serious

implications these provisions may have for religious liberty, charitable giving, property rights, and the protection of American-supported humanitarian work serving the poor throughout India.

America has long stood with persecuted believers and defended the principle that faith-based organizations should be free to care for the vulnerable without government intimidation or confiscation. That principle remains vitally important today.

Sincerely,



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