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DELAWARE ASIAN AMERICAN BUSINESS ASSOCIATION

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Ashvin Patel
President
D.A.A.B.A.



Dear Friends:

Together with my Colleagues at DAABA, I wish you all Happy Diwali.

I am humbled, honored and privileged to assume the role of President of the Delaware Asian American Business Association. I am deeply grateful to my predecessor, Palash (Paul) Gupta, for his leadership and outstanding contributions to DAABA.

During his Presidency, DAABA achieved a strong representation and voice of small business in Delaware. We will not forget mission of D.A.A.B.A. which is to provide the economic advancement to small retailers in the State of Delaware by education, networking and community representation.

I would like to thank and ask for continuous support and assistance from all the retailers, friends, colleagues, sponsors and everyone associated with D.A.A.B.A.'s mission.

Further, I would like to thank my fellow members of The Executive Committee and Board of 2015-2016, for their trust in me and I will try to execute to the best of my ability to continue our mission as promised.

Finally, I request every eligible voter to cast your voice in the coming 2016 USA Presidential Elections.

Thanks,

Ashvin Patel



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Sunday

Oct 23

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5 pm

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October 23, 2016

Dear Friends,

As Governor, I welcome you to the Delaware Asian American Business Association (DAABA) 2016 Diwali celebration.

DAABA is a non-profit association formed in 2000 whose members are comprised mostly of small business retail owners from India who settled in Delaware. DAABA's mission is to provide effective representation of the member's interests through legislative and administrative advocacy.

As the voice for Delaware's small business retail community, your commitment to effectuating policy change for the betterment of retailers and the customers served is commendable. This is the 16th anniversary of the DAABA Diwali celebration. I join with you in celebrating the rich cultural heritage of the South Asian community in Delaware.

Thank you for attending, and please enjoy this noteworthy event.

Sincerely,

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September 23, 2016

Delaware Asian American Business Association (DAABA)
Nur Shrine
198 S. Dupont Highway
New Castle, DE 19720


Dear DAABA,

Thank you for playing an important role of representing so many small businesses in Delaware. Your advocacy with elected officials in Dover, Washington, and throughout Delaware is important. I value my friendship with the members of DAABA, and look forward to many more years working together.

As a Member on the Senate Small Business Committee, and as a frequent attendee of your events, I know how it is important for elected officials to keep in mind the importance of maintaining a conducive business climate. I know that government needs to be flexible and adapt as the business climate changes. I also have an employee in the office whose family is in this business, and he is great about reminding me what it takes to run a store in Delaware.

It is an honor to represent you in Washington, and I hope you, your employees and your family will not hesitate to contact my office.

Sincerely,



Christopher A. Coons
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October 23, 2016

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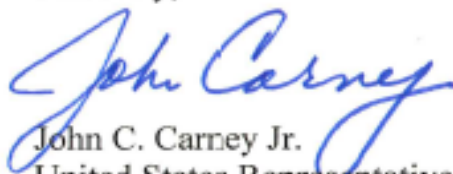
Dear Friends,

It is with great pleasure that I extend my most sincere congratulations and best wishes for DAABA's 2016 Diwali Party! This is a fitting celebration of Delaware's Indian American community and you should all be proud of DAABA's many contributions to our state.

For the past 16 years, DAABA has become a potent force for Asian American small business owners in our state. This has paved the way for many immigrant families to settle in Delaware and open new businesses that are thriving thanks in part to your advocacy and representation. DAABA has also been the leading voice for the state's retailers, where you have been extremely effective in advancing the interests of store owners and their customers. Most importantly, DAABA has been committed to the core values of diversity and inclusion, and tonight's Diwali Party is an excellent way for us to celebrate the traditions and cultural heritage of the Indian American community in our state. As Delaware's lone member of the U.S. House of Representatives, I am grateful for all you do for small business owners and I'm proud to join in recognizing this special occasion.

Once again, congratulations on your 2016 Diwali Party and thank you for your advocacy and leadership on behalf of Delaware's Asian American community. I wish you all the best for the future.

Sincerely,


John C. Carney Jr.
United States Representative

STATE OF DELAWARE



SENATE

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Be it hereby known to all, Senators Bethany Hall-Long and David P. Sokola are joined by the Senate of the 148th General Assembly in commending the

**Delaware Asian American
Business Association**

upon the observance of the

Diwali Festival

Known as the Festival of Lights, this ancient holiday marks the return of Lord Rama to his kingdom, the City of Ayodhya. Occurring during the new moon, candles and oil lamps glow and brighten the night sky, signifying the victory of good over evil.

The sponsors find it most befitting, the Senate pay tribute to this valued business entity in the First State, most especially at this celebratory time, steeped in the traditions of prayers, lightings, gifts, family gatherings, personal reflection and exquisite cuisine.

With best wishes for the bright promise of the future, the Senate directs this tribute presented, Sunday, the twenty-third of October, 2016.



Patricia M. Blwins
Patricia M. Blwins, President Pro Tempore

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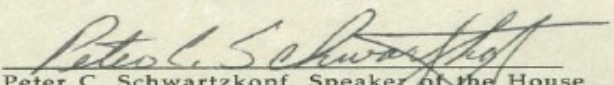
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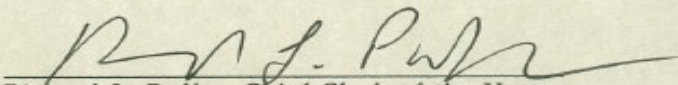
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**DELAWARE ASIAN AMERICAN
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Diwali Celebration

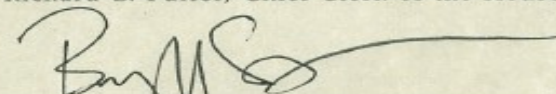
*We acknowledge this remarkable organization
as they celebrate Diwali, the prominent Hindu festival of India, "Festival of Lights."
This festival spiritually denotes the victory of light over darkness,
good over evil, knowledge over ignorance, and hope over despair.
The D.A.A.B.A. has represented its members, the retail community,
through legislative and administrative advocacy, to enhance services provided to the community.
Best wishes for a successful event!*

The House of Representatives extends its sincere
best wishes and directs this tribute be presented
this 23rd day of October 2016.




Peter C. Schwartzkopf, Speaker of the House


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NICOLE POORE
STATE SENATOR
12th District



SENATE
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411 LEGISLATIVE AVENUE
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October 12, 2016

Dear Friends:

I want to welcome each of you to the 2016 DAABA Diwali celebration and offer each of you my sincere wishes that light illuminates your lives and those of your loved ones in the year ahead.

As the hopeful message of Diwali reminds us, there is far more good in this world than bad; far more light than darkness. And all of us, regardless of our faith or heritage, have an important part to play in confirming that truth.

Delaware, and indeed America, is such a special place because so many rich cultures flourish in concert with one another. Our holidays are so special, not only because they represent times of giving, but because they are much needed reminders about how to be our best selves. And in that sense, while our traditions are unique, our spirit is one.

In closing, I want to thank DAABA for all it does on behalf of our state, thank you all for attending, and wish you and yours a peaceful and joyous Diwali.

Warmly,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Nicole Poore".

Nicole Poore
State Senator
12th District

BETHANY HALL-LONG
STATE SENATOR
10TH District

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September 29th, 2016

Friends,

As a State Senator and University of Delaware Professor of Nursing, Joint Faculty in Urban Affairs, I am honored to welcome you to the 2016 DAABA Diwali Celebration. Further, I want to offer each of you my vast gratitude and thanks for all that you do for our local business community.

As each of you celebrate the Diwali festival, I, too, celebrate with you. The spirit of the festival means so much to so many and highlights the victory of light over darkness. During challenging times, this is exactly the message we should be sending during somewhat challenging times.

As a public servant, I know the value that each of you play in the local community and I cannot thank you enough. In closing, I want to thank DAABA for their continued support, not only here in Delaware, but also nationally. By very best wishes,

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Bethany A. Hall-Long".

Bethany Hall-Long, PhD, RNC, FAAN
State Senator, 10th Senatorial District
Professor of Nursing, Joint Faculty, Urban Affairs
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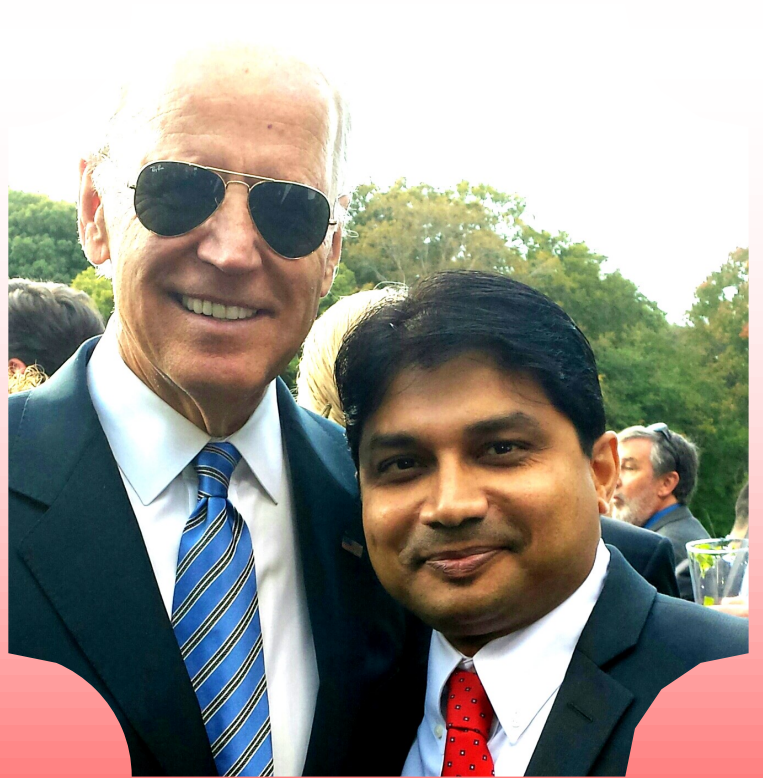
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**Palash (Paul) Gupta with
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**Pravin Patel & Palash (Paul) Gupta with
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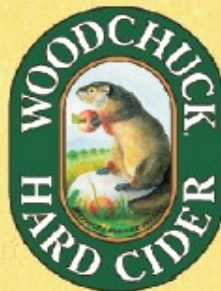
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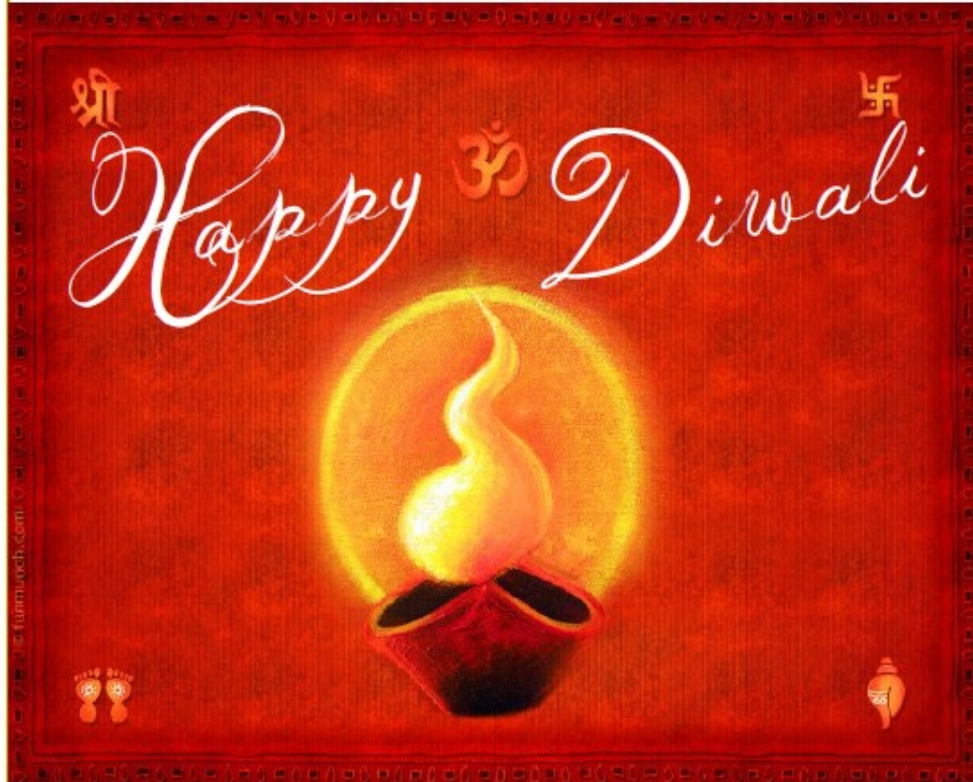
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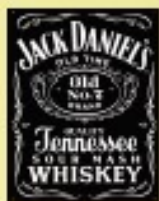
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Delaware Asian American Business Association

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