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Esteemed Senators, Representatives, Governor Abbott and Mayor Cheney,

We, the undersigned civil rights organizations, are writing to express our deep concerns about a <u>fundraiser</u> held by Global Hindu Heritage Foundation (GHHF), a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization in Frisco, Texas on November 27, to raise money for the disturbing goal, among other causes, of demolishing churches in India.

GHHF is a Hindu supremacist group that raises money in the United States to fund its project of forcibly converting Muslims & Christians to Hinduism in India. This group supports an ideology known as <u>Hindutva</u>, or violent Hindu Supremacism, which holds that Hindu Indians are superior to non-Hindus and that minority groups, especially Christians and Muslims, should be reduced to second-class citizens and subjected to violence.

Hindu extremism in India has led to a hazardous environment for religious minorities. The US State Department and other major human rights organizations, including the United States Commission on International Religious Freedom, Amnesty International, Human Rights Watch, and Freedom House, have noted the demonization and persecution of nearly 28 million Christians.

Today, Christians in India face the threat of being physically attacked - sometimes while in their own homes - and having their churches vandalized, arsoned, or shut down.

These attacks are even more common in Indian states that have passed <u>laws criminalizing</u> <u>religious conversions</u>. Hindu extremists use flimsy claims that Christians are "forcibly converting Hindus" as an excuse to break into churches, vandalize prayer spaces, disrupt congregations, harass worshippers, molest women, detain faith leaders, and socially boycott Christian communities.

In most cases, authorities in the states ruled by Prime Minister Narendra Modi's party <u>arrest the Christian</u> victims instead of the Hindu extremists who orchestrate and participate in violence against them.

Human rights groups reported nearly 800 hate crimes against Christians in 2021 alone. However, the government of Prime Minister Modi refuses to condemn these hate crimes, and Hindu supremacists in India and abroad, including GHHF, continue to justify the persecution by claiming that Christians pose a "threat" to Hindus.

In 2014, GHHF <u>wrote a letter</u> to India's Minister of Education urging her to revise the educational curriculum and teach children about the "heroism" of the man who murdered Mahatma Gandhi, Nathuram Godse.

The letter falsely accused Christians of "stabbing the nation" by converting the Hindus with "deception and allurement." Upping its genocidal rhetoric, the letter further warns Indian Hindus that they might become "sacrificial lambs" in the hands of Christians.

In 2020, GHHF hosted an event in Plano to support discriminatory anti-minority legislation passed in India, advocating that Muslims and Christians be stripped of their minority status.

Now, GHHF is attempting to raise money to demolish even more churches, calling them "illegal."

We find it extremely disturbing and dangerous that GHHF would so openly advertise their goal to cause such great harm to Indian Christians, who already face enormous persecution daily.

We urge you to use your platform as elected officials to condemn this blatant and brazen display of anti-Christian hate and bigotry. We also urge you to write letters to the Internal Revenue Service (IRS), the US Department of Justice (DoJ), and the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) seeking immediate investigative and legal action against the Global Hindu Heritage Foundation for violating its 501c3 status by funding hate and enabling violence against religious minorities in India.

Sincerely,

John Prabhudoss, Chairman Koshi George, President Federation of Indian American Christian Organization in North America (FIACONA)

Rev. Dr. Shibu Thomas National President North American Church of God

Dr. Rick Halperin
Director
Southern Methodist University (SMU) Human Rights Program.

Ellen J. Kennedy, Ph.D. Executive Director World Without Genocide

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Hadi Jawad, Outreach Coordinator Amnesty International - Dallas

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Nikhil Mandalaparthy Hindu for Human Rights

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Saif Islam Good Citizens of DFW

Mujeeb Kazi Chairman North Texas Islamic Council



Date

Sunday, November 27, 2022 at 5:00_{PM}

Venue

Richwoods Academy, 4633 Coit Rd #310, Frisco, TX 75035

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The Global Hindu Heritage Foundation (GHHF) was Founded in 2006 with mission to protect Hindu Temples, Peserve & Safeguard Hindu Dharma, GHHF key objective is to nourish the roots of Sanatana Dharma, nurture our culture & traditions, preserve our ancient heritage, encounter Adharma, while we cherish & enrich the Hindu way of life.

The GHHF Executive Team Shares Our Successful Progress Report on GHHF Milestone Activities over the Past Two Years, Despite the Pandemic.

WITH YOUR HELP, SUPPORT & DONATIONS, WE RECOMMIT TO PROTECT OUR BHARATA MATA!!

GHHF Agenda

- · Ghar Wapasi · Bala Samskar Kendras Sunday Schools
 - · Renovation of Grama Devatas · Annadanam in India
 - Karthika Masa Puja kit Distribution
- Demolition of Illegal Churches in Tirupati Gaushalas
 Oxygen Concentrators & Ventilators
- Lunch served to First Responders in Dallas Metropolitan cities

GHHF is an US Based IRS 501(C) Charitable Non Profit Organization, We are grateful for your generous donation to invigorate our grass roots engagement on the ground in uplifting impoverished & underserved communities