Dear Lieutenant Governor Sabina Matos,

We write to express our grave concern and deep disappointment over your office's decision to issue an <u>official certificate of recognition</u> to Kajal Hindustani, a prominent Hindu supremacist figure who has called for the genocide of Muslims and Christians in India.

This honor not only legitimizes a dangerous purveyor of hate and violence, but it also undermines the values of justice and human rights that your office is sworn to uphold. It sends a harmful message to Rhode Island's diverse communities, particularly Indian Muslims, Christians, Dalits, and Sikhs, that their safety and dignity are secondary to political convenience or a lack of due diligence.

The language used in the certificate is shockingly misaligned with the reality of Kajal Hindustani's public record. It describes her as someone who works on advancing "public awareness, protecting women and standing against injustice" and "social harmony". In fact, her actions stand in stark contrast to those claims.

Kajal Hindustani, or Kajal Singhala, owns the dubious record of giving more hate speeches in 2023 than any other Hindu supremacist figure, according to the Center for the Study of Organized Hate (CSOH). She is notorious for spreading anti-Muslim conspiracy theories like "love jihad," inciting Hindus to take up arms against Christians and Muslims, whom she has referred to as "parasites," and urging economic boycotts of non-Hindus. Her rhetoric has had real-world consequences. She was booked and jailed by police for hate speech that incited violence against Muslims at a Ram Navami event in India's Gujarat state, but has continued unabated, delivering 23 hate speeches in 2024.

Just this month, New York City Mayor Eric Adams <u>canceled his appearance</u> at an event upon learning he would be sharing the stage with Hindustani. In Dallas, she recently called for an <u>economic boycott targeting Muslims</u>, prompting Christian and Muslim community leaders to file a police complaint asking law enforcement officials to investigate the speech as a bias-motivated hate incident.

It is imperative that your office act swiftly to correct this mistake. We, the undersigned organizations, representing the full diversity of Indian-American and South Asian communities, demand that you:

- Immediately rescind the certificate of recognition issued to Kajal Hindustani and publicly communicate this decision.
- Condemn Hindustani's record of hate speech and affirm that such ideologies have no place in the State of Rhode Island.
- Apologize to Rhode Island's Indian Muslim, Christian, Sikh, and Dalit communities for this serious lapse in due diligence and the harm it has caused. Commit your office to a training on Hindu supremacy and its manifestations in the diaspora.

Sincerely,

Indian American Muslim Council

Hindus for Human Rights

Justice For All

International Solidarity for Academic Freedom in India (InSAF India)

Center for Pluralism

Shri Shakti Mariammaa Temple

International Network of Democratic Indians Abroad

DRUM, New York

Dalit Solidarity Forum in the USA

The Religious Nationalisms Project

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Boston South Asian Coalition (BSAC)

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Sabina Matos

Lieutenant Governor of the State of Rhode Island

Formally Recognizes

Ms. Kajal Hindustan

In Recognition Of

Her courageous and tireless service in advancing public awareness, protecting women, and standing against injustice. Her unwavering commitment to community empowerment, women's safety, and social harmony—despite great personal sacrifice—is truly commendable.

On behalf of the State of Rhode Island, we honor your strength, resilience, and dedication to truth. Congratulations on this outstanding achievement, and I wish you utmost success in your continued endeavors.

Given under my hand and the seal of the Lieutenant Governer of the State of Phode Island, this seet day of July 2025

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