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To: questionnaire@americansikhcommittee.org

Subject: Questionnaire from Rep. Matsui

Below are the responses to your questionnaire from Congresswoman Doris Matsui. If you have any questions please let me know or if this format doesn't work for some reason. Thank you for allowing the Congresswoman to share her views.

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Please answer the following questions and return the questionnaire by Wed., April 30, 2014 via email to questionnaire@americansikhcommittee.org. Feel free to answer at length or succinctly. However, it should be noted that all questions call for a 'yes' or 'no' answer prior to any explanation.

1. Do you support the proposed federal Safe Schools Improvement Act?

YES

2. Do you support adding a prohibition on profiling on the basis of religion to the United States Justice Department Guidance on Racial Profiling?

YES

3. Do you support the proposed federal End Racial Profiling Act?

YES

4. Do you support a change in United States military policy so that Sikhs would have an opportunity to serve our military while maintaining their turbans and uncut hair without requiring them to seek special, hard to obtain, revocable accommodations in order to do so?

YES

5. Will you encourage law enforcement agencies in your Congressional district to allow Sikhs to serve as police officers without removing their religiously-mandated turbans and uncut hair?

YES

6. Do you agree that thousands of Sikhs were murdered in India in November 1984 with the assistance of or lack of intervention by political parties, law enforcement, military or members of the government?

Yes. There was clearly a mass killing of Sikhs in the 1984 riots in response to the murder of Prime Minister Indira Gandhi. The true extent of which the massacre involved government officials may never be known, but the unspeakable atrocities and human rights violations must never be repeated.

7. Would you, as a Member of Congress, seek to remember and acknowledge the pogroms against Sikhs in November 1984, pursue justice for the victims, and work to ensure it does not happen again?

Yes. I will always work to prevent any violence against a particular community just because of their ethnic or religion. As a world leader, we must set the human rights bar very high and be vigilant of any violence toward innocent victims.

8. Have you ever worked with, employed or been hired by a Sikh? If so, describe this experience.

Yes. I have worked with the Sikh community in my district and those that visit my offices in Sacramento and Washington, DC. They represent their community extremely well and obviously care deeply about their faith, community and family.

9. Have you ever visited a Gurdwara (Sikh house of worship)?

Yes I did, I had a wonderful visit to the Sikh Temple in West Sacramento in 2013.

10. Do you encourage Sikhs to apply for opportunities with your government office or campaign office, including internships through the SikhLEAD Internship program? If so, please describe the process by which one may seek employment or internships with these offices, including the name, address and telephone number of the person with hiring responsibility.

Yes, my offices have had interns from the Sikh community. Anyone wishing to contact my official office is welcome to do so at 916-498-5600 and we can help you.

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