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H.E Mr. Narendra Modi
Prime Minister of India
152, South Block
New Delhi, India 110011

Dear Prime Minister Modi:

As a follow up to my earlier letter regarding the recent developments in Jammu and Kashmir (J&K), I wish to reaffirm my support for the repatriation of the Kashmiri Pandit community.

I have long advocated for the Kashmir's Pandit community, which was violently displaced in the early 1990s. Moreover, I had previously supported the positive messages that your government made towards resolving the injustices that the Pandit community has suffered.

As the Indian Supreme Court decides whether the repeal of Article 370, was constitutional, I urge you to work with the Kashmiri Pandit diaspora to ensure that their voices are heard moving forward. All religious and ethnic minorities have a right to participate in the political process, which will decide the future of J&K. No one should be barred from participating in the democratic process because of their religion, ethnicity, caste, sex, or sexuality, which will shape their community. I urge your government to ensure that all minority voices have a seat at the table to ensure Kashmir's future reflects those who have called that region home for generations.

I believe that peace and stability remain the cornerstones of a strong democracy and I encourage you to work with all stakeholders in J&K to ensure a peaceful resolution. Furthermore, the timely resettlement of the Kashmiri Pandits to their homeland must be pursued expeditiously as an attempt to right the injustices of the past 30 years. Thank you for your attention to this important matter and I look forward to your response.

Sincerely,



Sherrod Brown
United States Senator