

Respected Sri Krishna Committee members,

Sub: United States NRIs support for the formation of Telangana State

The NRI Community from the USA welcome Justice Sri Krishna Committee on Telangana and would like to pledge our strong support for the formation of Telangana state. We are very confident that you have been provided with all the facts on Telangana, history of the movement, including the latest events and the strong support coming from all corners of Telangana people, as apprised to you by several political leaders, student unions and most importantly through the voice of every common man from Telangana. We, the NRIs understand the socio economic issues faced by our people of Telangana for many years, primarily due to the diversion of access to natural resources, lack of industrial development and growing unemployment crisis. The On-going Telangana movement for many years, as driven by all the legitimate reasons, is now awaiting justice in the form of a change, that can deliver the promise of a better tomorrow for the people of Telangana. We're very confident that your esteemed committee will deliver us, the much awaited outcome.

Speaking about change, we would like to outline a few examples of positive change, that include:

- (1) Govt. of India has been making constant changes to re-draw the boundaries of our electoral constituencies, in order to address the growth of population over time.
- (2) The state government of Andhra Pradesh, implemented a change to divide, once formed Tehsils/Taluks into several smaller Mandals, in order to deliver better governance to the people.
- (3) United States Public schooling has a system that allows the residents of a given neighborhood/locality to send their children to pre-allocated public school within that area. However, the school allocations appear to constantly re-shuffle and the boundaries continue to alter in order to address the change in demographics.
- (4) Corporate world, as we have witnessed in the past few years has undergone a wave of change, moving to a more decentralized approach in creating many empowered regional centers of influence, in order to respond to rapidly changing global economy, while keeping the fundamental principles of being one large integrated corporation. Many such leading examples demonstrate the need for adapting to changing circumstances over the course of time. Therefore, it is our firm belief that, India as one united country will be able to realize wide spread development, with the vision of smaller states, as compared to larger states that lack reach and focus, resulting in an imbalance of growth with a few pockets of concentration.

The formation of linguistic based states was probably the right guideline about 50 years ago. But today's situation is demanding a different division aimed at betterment and development based on cultural and socio economic criteria. We strongly believe that division of the state is fully justified. Since, Telugu people have proven to living across many states in liberal India, today's proposed division of two states does not matter to people of any region, rather induces a competitive spirit for the long haul of progress. As witnessed, a trend and a pattern of change over time appears to be inevitable. We're very certain that you will consider the principles of "adaptation to change" as an

amenable resolution in a highly dynamic and globalized world that respects the sensitivities and needs of regional and local communities. Therefore, it is our strong belief that bifurcation of Andhra Pradesh into two regions will deliver better governance with a focussed regional development, while being integrated as a prosperous and united India.

While we have come outside India in pursuit of better opportunities, we have continued to demonstrate our affection and care for keeping close relations to India in many aspects, such as involved in many developmental activities and helping local communities back home. In a global world, our example demonstrates the passion for India and commitment to take part in the development of our home country. Time has proven that, the geographic distances and boundaries does not matter for a common man, as the two state governments will now work towards creation of opportunities accessible to the local people. Therefore, we strongly believe that state bifurcation will create a better and prosperous environment that can foster mutual and cordial relations amongst all Telugu speaking people living across seamless borders. Such a positive change will create an atmosphere for healthy competition amongst two states with a cherished bonding, love and affection that will showcase another example for the future.

We, as the NRI community will assure you of our complete support and our deep commitment through the state re-building process in creating a new brand image for an "Innovative Telangana", that will become a role model for other states to follow the path of prosperity and development to help lead India on the map of global economy.

On behalf of the Telangana NRI Community from USA, we sincerely look forward for a quicker resolution in favor of Telangana state.