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Sang Joo Kim Senior Fellow & Executive Vice President Institute for Corean-American Studies, Inc. (ICAS) ICAS Liberty Foundation 965 Clover Court Blue Bell, PA 19422

Dear Sang Joo Kim:

Thank you so much for your kind invitation to speak during this year's 110th Anniversary of Korean immigration to the United States and our great Commonwealth of Pennsylvania. I am always honored that you consider me to be a part of your celebration. Unfortunately, due to legislative obligations I am unable to attend this year. However, please accept my heartfelt congratulations for this great effort.

Please allow me to also congratulate the Honorable John Z. Lee, United States Judge, U.S. District Court for the Northern District of Chicago, IL for being the honored guest during this auspicious occasion. I can think of no greater distinction than to have one of Judge Lee's esteem to share in this august event. What wonderful contributions and rich diversity the Korean people have brought to this country and to this Commonwealth. It is with great pride that I salute the immense impact you have had on your adopted homeland and its people.

We welcome and embrace our differences because through experiencing others cultures we grow and through growth we gain strength and through that strength we build a better Commonwealth, a better nation and a better world. Through the perseverance and commitment of ICAS and like organizations who are our partners we bond as a community, not allowing challenges to become obstacles to understanding but stepping stones to a better life.

Wishing you continued success as you move forward into the future.

Sincerely.

203rd Legislative District