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Dear Friends:

I write today to express my wholehearted support for the Institute for Corean-American Studies and its mission to advance humanity, liberty, peace and security among all nations and all people.

In this year of 2013 that marks the 110th anniversary of Korean immigration to the United States, I would like to acknowledge the countless contributions of Korean immigrants in the United States and the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania. For more than a century, Koreans yearning for the freedom and opportunity America offers have built strong communities that value hard work and nurture respect for the family. The Philadelphia area is blessed to be the home of approximately 100,000 residents of Korean descent who add to the rich diversity of the region.

I wish your organization continued success as it recognizes the importance of the Korean community to the social and economic fabric of this great nation and take great pride in proclaiming the month of August, 2013 as "Korea Month" in celebration of your achievements.

With kind regards, I am

Sincerely

Jim Gerlach Member of Congress

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