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Dear Ambassador Haley,

As an Indian-American girl myself, I would like to start off by congratulating you for being the second Indian-American governor of the United States and the first female Indian-American governor. Your election results have proved something that I have believed in for some time, an Indian woman can be part of the government. I clearly remember situations when my friends and I are discussing what we want to be when we are older. Consistently, they seem to rule me out as a political leader.

American friends, or more specifically, white friends, always state that they want to run for president or even a position lower than the President such as being a governor and I do the same, state that I would like to run for a position as President or even a lower position such as becoming a Governor. Every time the same thing always happens...One of my friends will tell my white friends that they would make great presidents and then try and lure me to a different job by saying things like, "Oh, you want to become President, I think you would make a great doctor instead". These comments make it seem like they don't want an Indian-American women "messing" with their country. But in my defense, I am a natural born U.S. citizen and I meet the requirements for becoming President, so there is nothing wrong with me becoming President, as well as any Indian-American women becoming President. As I got older, my desire to become part of the U.S. Government had died down due to the comments that dragged me away from the fact that an Indian-American Women CAN become part of the government, but now that you are the first one of my kind, you have proved many people wrong. I really appreciate the fact that you decided to be part of the U.S. Government because without you, I would have let those people and comments choose what I should be when I'm older. Now I am completely confident that it is possible for an Indian-American women to become part of the government. Whenever

anyone tells me that becoming part of the government is not the right job for me, I will always refer back to you.

As you can see, you play a big part in my life as my role model and you have also helped me realize that comments should not decide what I should do with the rest of my life. Instead, I should have the power to choose what I would like to do when I grow up based off of what I desire. Not only have you represented my argument, you have also proved a point to everyone that thinks that Indians should not be part of the United States Government. Once again, thank you for doing one small action that helped convince many people that an Indian-American women can help make our world a better place.

Best regards,



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