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My suggestions are below. I did this quickly so please review.

From: Veldran, Katherine
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His Excellency
Narendra D. Modi
Prime Minister of India
South Block, Secretariat Building
Raisina Hill, New Delhi
INDIA (postal code)

Dear Prime Minister Modi,

On behalf of the State of South Carolina, I send you Namaskar and warm greetings from the Palmetto State. I write to inform you that I, as Governor of the State of South Carolina, will be leading the first-ever economic development trade mission representing our state in India from November 13-21, 2014, during which time I would be tremendously honored to have the opportunity to meet with you. India is the country from which my family originated, and I am very proud to be the first Governor of the State of South Carolina to visit and begin, what I hope, is a long and enduring relationship with India.

South Carolina is proud to count Indian businesses among our many corporate citizens, but I know that there is always more we can do. As Governor of a state that has proven to be a fierce global competitor, I am excited about the opportunity to travel to India and offer South Carolina as the perfect destination for Indian businesses looking to expand their footprint in the United States. I hope to emulate the kind of economic changes in South Carolina that you implemented during your tenure as Chief Minister of Gujarat state.

As the daughter of small business owners who emigrated from Punjab state to America, everything I learned about business I learned from them. I know that business is about more than transactions, it's about relationships, and I hope that my time in India will lay the foundation for lasting partnerships for generations to come. Should you be available to meet with me, I have enclosed a copy of my current schedule for your convenience. The schedule is merely a tentative guide until our staff can confirm your ability to receive me and my delegation.

On a personal note, my parents and I are excited to attend the historic reception for your arrival in New York City on September 28th. The Indian-American community is thrilled about your visit to the United States, and we look forward to the celebration. God bless.

My Very Best,

Nikki Randhawa Haley

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