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Dear Friends:

Please accept my warmest greetings and congratulations as you gather for the International Bengal Festival. I am grateful for the opportunity to recognize the fine work of the Bengali people and the Muktadhara Foundation Inc.

The Muktadhara Foundation has worked tirelessly to coordinate International Bengal Festival here in New York for the Bengali community. Thanks to their efforts, the beautiful Bengali culture and traditions is being showcased and highlighted within the diverse cultural tapestry that is the New York community. I applaud the Muktadhara Foundation for its work, and I am confident that it will continue to impact the lives of Bengali- Americans for years to come.

Again, congratulations and thank you for your hard work and dedication on behalf of all New Yorkers. Best wishes for a wonderful event.

Sincerely,

Charles E. Schumer United States Senator