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Your Holiness:

On behalf of the United States Agency for International Development (USAID), I extend warm wishes on the occasion of your 85th birthday. Your emphasis on tolerance and non-violence, your advocacy for religious freedom, and your efforts to advance human rights have long been an inspiration to the American people. Those are values USAID promotes throughout the world each and every day through our work to recognize the dignity of the human person, uplift lives, respect life itself, and protect the world's most vulnerable.

For the last 20 years, USAID has supported Tibetan communities in and around the Tibetan Autonomous Region, as well as in the Republic of India and the Federal Democratic Republic of Nepal. We work to preserve Tibetan culture and language, empower the Central Tibetan Administration, and sustain the health, education, and livelihoods of Tibetan communities. Since the emergence of COVID-19, USAID has also helped to ensure these communities receive the resources they need to protect themselves from the disease.

USAID shares your aspirations for a brighter, more self-reliant future for all Tibetans. Today, we honor your leadership and express our gratitude for all that you do to advance your vision of peace and justice. I wish you all the best in the year ahead.

Sincerely,

John Barsa