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Sikyong Penpa Tsering
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Sikyong Penpa Tsering,

Thank you for your letter of congratulations on December 21 following my designation as the United States Special Coordinator for Tibetan Issues. I also would like to congratulate you on your election as Sikyong earlier in 2021.

The United States shares your interest in seeing a resumption of dialogue, without preconditions, between the Government of the People's Republic of China and His Holiness the Dalai Lama, his representatives, or leaders of the Tibetan community. We remain steadfast in our support for protecting the human rights of Tibetans and efforts to preserve your distinct historical, linguistic, cultural, and religious identity. We are proud to provide humanitarian assistance to Tibetan refugees and look forward to continued cooperation in this area. We are committed to increasing access to Tibet and to supporting efforts to protect the environment and water resources of the Tibetan plateau.

I look forward to meeting you soon and furthering our cooperation in support of our shared goals.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Uzra Zeya', written in a cursive style.

Uzra Zeya
U.S. Special Coordinator for Tibetan Issues