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The Honorable John Kerry
Secretary of State
U.S. Department of State
2201 C Street NW
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Dear Secretary Kerry:

I write to express my grave concern over the arrest and pending prosecution of New York Police Department (NYPD) Officer Manny Encarnacion in India. He is apparently being prosecuted for violating India's Arms Act of 1959, due to unwittingly having spare bullets in his checked luggage as he was leaving the country to return back to New York City. This excessive act by the Indian government is clearly politically motivated in response to the arrest of India's then-Deputy Consul General in December 2013 in New York for alleged visa fraud.

Officer Encarnacion is a member of one of this country's most respected law enforcement organizations. From all accounts, this was the result of an innocent mistake. It is critical that the State Department intervene in this situation and request that the Indian government release Officer Encarnacion, and permit him to return to the United States.

Thank you for your prompt attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Peter T. King", written over a horizontal line.

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