



CHICAGO TELANGANA ASSOCIATION



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Respected Sri Krishna Committee members,

Sub: United States NRIs support for the formation of Telangana State

The NRI Community from the USA welcome Justice Sri Krishna Committee on Telangana and would like to pledge our strong support for the formation of Telangana state. We are very confident that you have been provided with all the facts on Telangana, history of the movement, including the latest events and the strong support coming from all corners of Telangana people, as apprised to you by several political leaders, student unions and most importantly through the voice of every common man from Telangana. We, the NRIs understand the socio economic issues faced by our people of Telangana for many years, primarily due to the diversion of access to natural resources, lack of industrial development and growing unemployment crisis. The On-going Telangana movement for many years, as driven by all the legitimate reasons, is now awaiting justice in the form of a change, that can deliver the promise of a better tomorrow for the people of Telangana. We're very confident that your esteemed committee will deliver us, the much awaited outcome.

Speaking about change, here are a few examples of positive change that include:

- (1) Indian government's response to making constant changes to re-draw the boundaries of our electoral constituencies in order to address the growth of population over time.
- (2) The state government of Andhra Pradesh, implemented a change to divide, once formed Tehsils/Taluks into several smaller Mandals, in order to deliver better governance to the people.
- (3) United States Public schooling system allows the residents of a given neighborhood/locality to send their children to pre-allocated public school within that area. However, the school allocations appear to constantly re-shuffle the boundaries and create new schools in order to address the change in demographics.
- (4) Corporate world, as we have witnessed in the past few years has undergone a wave of change, moving to a more decentralized approach in creating many empowered regional centers of influence, in order to respond to rapidly changing global economy, while keeping the fundamental principles of being one large integrated corporation.

Many such leading examples demonstrate the need for adapting to changing circumstances over the course of time. Therefore, it is our firm belief that, India as one united country will develop better, if we have more focus on the regional interests with the vision of smaller states, as compared to larger states that lack reach and focus, resulting in an imbalance of regional growth.

The formation of linguistic based states was probably the right guideline about 50 years ago. But today's situation is demanding a different division aimed at betterment and development based on cultural and socio economic criteria. We strongly believe that division of the state is fully justified, without influenced by a sentiment of "All Telugu people should live in one state".

As we witnessed, a trend and a pattern of change over time appears to be inevitable, we're very certain that you will consider the principles of "adaptation to change" as an amenable resolution in a highly dynamic and globalized world that respects the sensitivities and needs of regional and local communities. Therefore, it is our strong belief that bifurcation of Andhra Pradesh into two regions will deliver better governance with a focused regional development, while being integrated as a prosperous and united India.

We, NRIs living very far from our homeland, are keeping close relations to India in many aspects, with a continued demonstration of our attachment to our people and country at large. In a global world, our example demonstrates the passion for India and commitment to take part in the development of our home country. Time has proven that, such a geographic distance across the seas could not keep NRIs away, but reinforced our love, affection and care to our communities back home. Applying the same principles, we strongly believe that state bifurcation will create a better and prosperous environment that can foster

