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Dear Suella,

Due to the rising tensions in Leicester and now sadly in other parts of the country, I am writing to you to call for action to ensure we restore the ability of people in the UK to practise their religions freely and without intimidation.

We have sadly seen the rise of tensions due to a small minority of people intimidating and being violent towards others based on their religion. They do not represent the majority of Hindus and Muslims in the UK who live out their lives in peace and practise their religion without stopping anyone else from doing so.

As a leading member from the Hindu community, I am asking you to engage with us by meeting with the APPG for British Hindus in order for us to find a solution to deescalate tensions. The APPG covers a variety of Hindu organisations and is best placed to engage with you to ensure Hindus are represented at all levels in this discussion.

Hinduism is a peace-loving religion that has existed peacefully alongside other religions in the UK for many years now and as a community, we are passionate for this to continue. Let us not let a minority of people destroy the progress we have made and that have chosen to attack not only Hindu values but British values of being inclusive and championing religious freedom.

Thank you for the work you have already done on this issue, and I look forward to hearing from you about how we can move forward.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Dolar Popat".

Lord Popat of Harrow