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The Honorable John L. Loeb, Jr.
Chairman
George Washington Institute for Religious Freedom
50 Broad Street, Suite 1137
New York, New York 10004

Dear Ambassador Loeb:

Thank you for your letter. I appreciated learning about the work of the George Washington Institute for Religious Freedom (GWIRF). Advancing religious freedom abroad is a key priority for the U.S. Department of State and President Obama.

As Mission Brazil engages with the Brazilian government and Brazilian people, we will continue our efforts to maximize opportunities to share the message and spirit of President George Washington's 1790 letter to the Hebrew Congregation in Newport, RI to promote religious freedom and "liberty of conscience."

Sincerely,


Liliana Ayalde