



Embassy of the United States of America

Ouagadougou, Burkina Faso

May 4, 2015

The Honorable John Langeloth Loeb, Jr.
50 Broad Street, Suite 1137
New York, NY 10004

Dear Ambassador Loeb:

Thank you for your recent correspondence sharing George Washington's historic letter affirming our country's commitment to religious freedom.

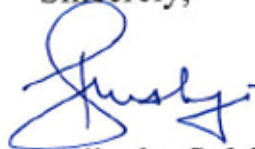
Here in Burkina Faso, we have the opportunity to witness a society that is known for its tolerance and inter-faith and inter-ethnic cooperation. The historic events of October 2014 that pushed former President Blaise Compaore from power left the country, overnight, with a leadership vacuum. Stepping in to fill the void were of course the political parties, the military, and civil society, but also the traditional and religious leaders. Traditional and religious leaders have continued to engage in the unprecedented transitional process that is leading the country towards elections later this year.

The theme of religious tolerance resonates well in Burkina Faso. It is my pleasure to meet with religious leaders when possible and encourage them in their crucial efforts to strengthen communication and cooperation among the different religious communities represented here. My conversations with these leaders have been enriching and informative. Further, the Burkinabe people's strong commitment to working together in

spite of differences (ethnic, religious, or otherwise) is doubtless one of the most significant factors counting in favor of the success of the current political transition.

My staff and I will continue to use every opportunity to support religious freedom and the truly laudable efforts of religious leaders to build unity in Burkina Faso.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Tulinabo S. Mushingi', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Tulinabo S. Mushingi,
Ambassador