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The Honorable John Loeb, Jr. 50 Broad Street Suite 1137 New York, NY 10004 212-509-1500

Dear Ambassador Loeb,

Thank you for taking the time to share George Washington's important Letter of 1790 and your passion for religious freedom.

As the Ambassador to the Gabonese Republic, a majority Christian country with a Muslim president, and Sao Tome and Principe (97% Christian), I am keenly aware of the importance of religious tolerance and freedom of worship for the development and progress of modern-day societies.

Under my stewardship, the U.S. Mission to Gabon and Sao Tome & Principe will be committed to advocating for inclusive dialogue and constructive engagement for the advancement of not only of the great nations of Gabon and Sao Tome and Principe, but the entire Central African region and the international community at large.

I am proud to inform you that we publicly recognized George Washington's profound and prescient thoughts on Religious Freedom when our mission commemorated the anniversary of his birth on February 22, 2015. We will continue to support all initiatives that provide for the protection of universal human rights in our future bilateral engagement with our interlocutors from Gabon and Sao Tome & Principe.

Thank you for your service as an Ambassador and your continued devotion and support for this very important issue,

Sincerely,

Cynthia H. Akuetteh

Ambassador to Gabon and

Sao Tome and Principe