



*Embassy of the United States of America*

Jakarta, Indonesia

April 24, 2015

Ambassador Loeb  
50 Broad Street  
Suite 1137  
New York, NY 10004

Dear Ambassador Loeb,

Thank you for your correspondence and the enclosed letter from President Washington. The letter is a reminder that the protection and promotion of religious freedom are core American ideals that have existed since the earliest days of our nation.

Indonesia is among the most diverse and tolerant Muslim-majority countries in the world. As in all countries, however, there are elements of the population that promote intolerance, religiously-motivated violence, and terrorism. In partnership with Indonesia's religious and community leaders, the United States—through our mission, partners, and private citizens—is one of the leading voices for religious freedom in Indonesia. We condemn violence and intolerance and advocate for better protections through media events, public outreach, and our public reports, as well as directly with our Indonesian government counterparts. We regularly sponsor people-to-people exchanges and programs to improve inter-faith communication and to counter violent extremist messages. Our many grants and partnership programs with local actors help empower Indonesian leaders fighting for religious liberty.

As Indonesia continues to consolidate as a stable, democratic, and pluralistic nation, the U.S. Mission to Indonesia will remain a strong advocate for the rights of religious minorities. As a democratic partner, we will continue to promote and uphold American values, in the spirit of George Washington, as we build strong ties between the American and Indonesian people.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Bob Blake".

Robert O. Blake  
Ambassador