



August 25, 2025

The Honorable James E. Risch  
United States Senate  
Chairman, Foreign Relations Committee  
Washington, DC 20510

The Honorable Jeanne Shaheen  
United States Senate  
Ranking Member, Foreign Relations Committee  
Washington, DC 20510

Dear Chairman Risch and Ranking Member Shaheen,

On behalf of the US-India Strategic Partnership Forum's (USISPF) Chairman and our Board of Directors, I write to strongly endorse Ambassador-Designate Sergio Gor for confirmation as the next U.S. Ambassador to India and Special Envoy for South and Central Asian Affairs. USISPF is an independent, non-profit, and non-partisan organization dedicated to strengthening U.S.-India ties through its network of 400+ major US and Indian companies. We believe Mr. Gor's appointment is critical to reinvigorating U.S. engagement with India and to advancing our nations' shared interests.

The U.S.-India relationship is often described as one of the most important strategic partnerships of the 21st century. It is a bond between the world's oldest democracy and the world's largest democracy, built on common values of freedom and a vision for a free, prosperous Indo-Pacific. Today, this vital partnership stands at a pivotal juncture. Recent challenges have introduced strained tensions in the relationship, underlining the urgency of strong diplomatic leadership to get ties back on track. The U.S. has gone too long without a Senate-confirmed Ambassador in New Delhi (the post has been vacant since January). Filling this vacancy with an envoy of Mr. Gor's caliber will help deepen cooperation and reaffirm America's commitment to this partnership.

Ambassador-Designate Sergio Gor brings unique strengths at this critical time. He has proven experience at the highest levels of government and the full confidence of the President – qualities that will enable him to be an effective bridge between Washington and New Delhi. His dual role as Ambassador and Special Envoy for the broader South/Central Asia region signals the Administration's determination to advance a comprehensive strategy in Asia. We are confident that Mr. Gor will work to bolster U.S.-India ties across economic, security, and people-to-people domains. The United States and India have developed a strong partnership through deepening defense cooperation, growing technology collaboration, and shared efforts in global health. Strong leadership in New Delhi will ensure this progress continues and our robust engagement grows.

We strongly believe confirming Sergio Gor as U.S. Ambassador to India is in our national interest and will greatly benefit both nations. This appointment comes at a crucial moment to strengthen trust and cooperation between our countries.

Thank you for your consideration of this important nomination. We stand ready to support the Committee's efforts to advance the U.S.-India strategic partnership.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Mukesh Aghi", followed by a horizontal line.

Dr. Mukesh Aghi  
President and CEO  
US-India Strategic Partnership Forum



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