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Dear Excellency,

I write on behalf of the main Parliamentary Opposition, the A Partnership for National Unity/ Alliance for Change (APNU/AFC).

I wish to register, in the strongest possible terms, our objection to the proposed appointment of Mr. Charandass Persaud as Guyana's High Commissioner to India. Mr. Persaud does not enjoy the confidence of a large segment of the Guyanese population and is mired in controversy.

The people of Guyana who elected him to serve as a Member of Parliament in the APNU/AFC Government continue to be disturbed by his actions in the National Assembly on December 21, 2018, actions which he took of his own accord, without the consultation or consent of the constituency he was elected to represent.



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Accordingly, we are of the view that the appointment of Mr. Persaud to such an important portfolio is likely to be viewed by the Guyanese people as a reward for and an endorsement of his treasonous act.

The people of Guyana have always enjoyed cordial relations with the government and people of India and we are concerned that Mr. Persaud's appointment may place a significant strain on this important relationship.

Please accept my best regards,

Hon. Joseph Harmon, MSM, MP

Leader of the Opposition.

Cooperative Republic of Guyana.