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Mr. Donald J. Trump President of the United States of America The White House 1600 Pennsylvania Avenue NW Washington, DC 20500

Dear President Donald J. Trump,

I am writing to you as the Executive Officer of the Society for the Study of Social Problems (SSSP), one of the oldest and most respected social science organizations in the United States. Founded in 1951, the SSSP was created principally "to promote and protect sociological research and teaching on significant problems of social life." From time to time, the Society releases statements, based on the best scientific evidence available, on issues of important social significance, including, as evidenced by the attached resolution, a strong commitment to human rights.

At its annual meeting in New York City this past August, the membership voted unanimously to communicate to Congressional leaders of the Democratic and Republican parties and the President of the United States that the SSSP would stand with other entities, including nations, in its strong support for the Universal Declaration of Human Rights. The resolution reads in part,

"Whereas the Purpose of the Society for the Study of Social Problems (SSSP) includes fostering higher quality of life, social welfare, and positive social relations in society and the global community and to undertake any activity related thereto or necessary or desirable for the accomplishment of the foregoing purposes; ..."

and

"THEREFORE, Be It Resolved that the Society for the Study of Social Problems (SSSP) affirms the principles of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights of 1948; ..."

We are providing you with this resolution to affirm our support for this declaration and hope and trust that our government does the same in both word and action.

Sincerely,

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Héctor L. Delgado, Ph.D. Executive Officer, SSSP Professor Emeritus, University of La Verne

Enclosure