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Dear Friends,

I would like to extend my kindest regards as the greater Redmond community comes together to celebrate the twelfth annual Ananda Mela festival this weekend. I regret that I am not able to attend, but I am sending my sincere wishes for a joyful celebration of Indian culture this weekend.

The vibrancy and size of this Ananda Mela festival is a real testament to the growth of the more than 100,000 members of the Indian diaspora living here in Washington state. This festival is a true community event. From music and dance performances, delicious food, art displays, and so much more for all ages. it's great to see it bringing people together to celebrate and learn as neighbors, families, and friends.

I want to extend my sincere thanks to the Indian Community here in the Greater Redmond area for putting on this fantastic event year after year, and for the many contributions you make year-round to our communities and our state.

Please accept my best wishes for a memorable and lively festival.

Warmly,

Patty Murray

United States Senator