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The Letter For Equality

When Kamala Harris was elected senator of California, I was excited to see someone with Indian and African-American roots be a part of our government. My mom and dad are both from Taiwan and my mom moved to the United States when she was 8 years old, so I can relate to her immigrant roots. I hope Kamala Harris can listen to the people of our country and overcome challenges peacefully.

Many issues are important to not just me but to my family, too, like how everyone should have equal rights, protect the environment, and have access to a great education. I think someone should not be treated differently because of his or her nationality or gender. Women in some parts of the world are treated differently than men, and I hope we can stop this peacefully without fighting. I think about democracy a lot, too. If we could not vote for our leaders, what would happen to our rights? I worry in silence. Once a week, I go to a program where I learn the importance of thanking and taking care of the environment, and sometimes I think of people who pollute or hurt the environment. Why do they do it? Well, maybe they do it for a reason. Maybe they are getting paid to overfish or to spray pesticides on their fields. I think that is wrong. I also believe that our country will grow if everyone gets a proper education, leading to many advances in science and technology. I also think that peace and safety are significant for a strong country.

If I met Senator Kamala Harris, I would tell her about the weaknesses that our country could improve upon. I would explain how some people in this country aren't being treated fairly. I would talk about how most immigrants come to America because they are having a hard time in their home country and want better opportunities, not because they want to do bad things. America is mostly made up of people with immigrant backgrounds. We therefore shouldn't be treating people differently because they are immigrants.

I believe that Senator Kamala Harris can address these problems by making laws, convincing the president and other people in government, and making speeches. She can help unify our country by bringing people together through these actions, even though everyone has different ideologies and opinions, and we can bond together through our similarities or even share some of our differences with each other.

I hope Senator Kamala Harris will do her best and help our country as much as she can. I hope she will help spread the word of equality, peace, and the importance of education. I am proud to say that an Indian and African-American senator has been elected. Some days I think about how lucky we are to be a part of this journey, a journey to make this fairly new country the best we can make it.