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Mr. Giovanni Vassallo, President
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Dear Mr. Vassallo,

Congratulations on the occasion of the 25th Annual Tibet Day Fair in San Francisco. This joyful day of music, films, art and performances celebrates the vibrant cultural community you've created in the Bay Area – the third largest Tibetan community in our country. Your advocacy and activism on behalf of Tibet has helped educate the Peninsula about Tibet's rich heritage and present political struggle.

This day also commemorates the 21st Anniversary of His Holiness the Dalai Lama receiving the Nobel Peace Prize, as well as marking Liu Xiaobo's Nobel Peace Prize and International Human Rights Day. I was privileged to meet His Holiness when I traveled to India in 2008 and during his recent visit to my Congressional District. His extraordinary gentleness, good humor, and profound insights move and touch everyone.

I extend my sincerest congratulations and best wishes to the Bay Area Friends of Tibet as you celebrate the 25th Annual Tibet Day. May there be many more to come, and may your community continue to thrive.

All my best,

Anna G. Eshoo
Member of Congress