

[Month Day, Year]
The Honorable [Insert Full Name]
[Street Address
City, State, Zip Code]

Dear Representative [Insert Last Name],

My name is [] and I am a resident of [zip code] and a [Kashmiri-American and/or concerned citizen] writing to arrange an urgent meeting, along with a few other constituents, with you regarding the crisis in Kashmir.

As you may be aware, Kashmir is one of the most militarized zones in the world. Since August 5th, its entire population—12 million people—has been under an unprecedented military lockdown and communications blackout. There are reports of mass incarcerations and sexual and physical abuse towards minors by the military, as well as disappearances and illegal detentions.

Meanwhile, the Indian government is led by Narendra Modi, who is part of a right wing-militant extremist Hindutva party, the BJP, which has sanctioned violence, curtailment of civil liberties, and persecution of religious and other minorities. Modi himself presided over a killing spree in 2002 in which 2000 Muslims were murdered in the Indian state of Gujarat, where he was the governor at the time. According to Human Rights Watch, Modi and the BJP were complicit in this violence. Kashmir is the only Muslim-majority state and there is a very real possibility that the current military lockdown, escalation in military presence, and communications blockade is a precursor to genocide.

This rise of this unchecked draconian Indian police state is a threat to civil liberties, minority rights, children's rights, and human rights. As argued in the Nation, "Modi is laying the foundation of a fascist Hindutva state." We've seen this before in history and we are seeing it again today, with the rise of militant nationalism, police brutality and impunity, white supremacy, and fascism.

I am terrified for the women, children, and people of Kashmir and the dangerous precedent that this sets for unchecked state violence against vulnerable populations across the globe.

I would appreciate the opportunity to speak at greater length about this issue with the Congressperson or their staff. Please let me know the next steps regarding arranging a meeting, ideally in the district in the coming week or two.

Sincerely,

[Sign with your Name]
[Address/phone]
[Include your organization of applicable]