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To,
Hon'ble Dr. Virendra Kumar
Union Minister
Ministry of Social Justice & Empowerment
Shastri Bhawan, Central Secretariat, New Delhi

Subject: **Resignation from the National Council for Transgender Persons (NCTP)**

Respected Sir,

It is with a heavy heart, yet a clear conscience, that I formally submit my resignation from my position as a Member and the Southern States Representative of the National Council for Transgender Persons (NCTP), effective immediately.

I wish to begin by expressing my sincere gratitude to you and the Ministry for the trust placed in me when I was appointed to this Council. It has been a profound honor to serve my country and my community in this capacity. Until February 2026, my experience working alongside the Ministry officials was one of mutual respect and a shared vision for an inclusive India. I value the milestones we achieved together during that period.

However, the recent introduction and passage of the Transgender Persons (Protection of Rights) Amendment Bill, 2026 in the Lok Sabha has created an untenable position for me. As a statutory representative, my primary mandate is to advise the Government on legislation affecting our lives. The decision to move this Bill forward without any formal consultation with myself or other community representatives of the NCTP undermines the very purpose for which this Council was established.

This Bill, in its current form, is viewed as regressive by the very people it seeks to govern. I have spent the last several weeks in constant dialogue with the transgender and intersex communities across the Southern Indian states and throughout the nation. The consensus is absolute: this Bill is seen as a step backward for our fundamental rights to self-identification and dignity.

As a representative of lakhs of community members, I cannot, in good faith, continue to hold a seat at a table where our collective voice has been silenced on a matter of such existential importance. My first and final loyalty lies with the people I represent. To remain in this post while a Bill they so vehemently oppose is passed would be a dissolution of my integrity and a betrayal of their trust.

I choose to stand in solidarity with my community.

Finally, I wanted to quote a few lines from my poem 'The War' from my book 'We Will Not Be Erased':

"She is a raging warrior,
this is her battle for survival
her battle for dignity and respect -
for herself, for people like her,
for every silenced voice,
against an unequal world,
for a world she dreams,
for a world that gleams."

I thank you once again for the opportunity to have served. I hope that in the future, the spirit of "Nothing About Us, Without Us" will truly guide the Ministry's path toward justice.

With dignity and regards,

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