

## Letter of Endorsement for Suma Shamanna

May 28, 2025

As Chair of Democrats Abroad Hong Kong, it is my distinct honor to enthusiastically endorse Suma Shamanna for reelection as Asia-Pacific Regional Vice-Chair for Democrats Abroad.

Over the past two years, Ms. Shamanna has demonstrated exceptional leadership qualities that have significantly strengthened our Democratic presence throughout the Asia Pacific region. Her strategic vision and tireless dedication have resulted in increased membership engagement, more effective advocacy for Americans living abroad, and stronger connections between our various country committees.

Suma's collaborative approach has fostered unity across our diverse regional chapters, while her organizational skills have improved our operational effectiveness. She has been instrumental in amplifying our voter registration efforts and ensuring that Americans throughout Asia Pacific remain connected to the democratic process despite geographic distance from the United States.

Her deep understanding of the unique challenges facing American in Asia Pacific Region has informed her advocacy work, resulting in meaningful progress on issues ranging from taxation to representation. Throughout her tenure, she has maintained open lines of communication with all country committees, ensuring that diverse perspectives are heard and respected.

I firmly believe that Suma Shamanna's continued leadership is vital to building upon the momentum we have established. Her reelection would provide the continuity and experienced guidance necessary to further strengthen Democrats Abroad in the Asia Pacific region over the next two years.

Without reservation, I offer my full support for Suma Shamanna's candidacy and urge all voting members to join me in supporting her reelection as Asia-Pacific Regional Vice-Chair for Democrats Abroad

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "James B Lockett Jr.", with a stylized, cursive script.

James B Lockett Jr  
Chair, Democrats Abroad Hong Kong