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Dear Ms. Challa:

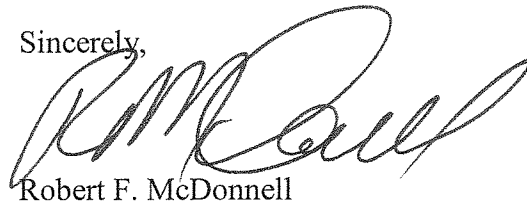
Lakshmi,

On behalf of the citizens of the Commonwealth of Virginia, I am pleased to congratulate you on receiving the John C. Kenny Pro Bono Award for 2011-2012.

During my inaugural address, I said that “No government program can substitute for the incredible good done through voluntary actions performed freely by caring individuals every day.” Since then, my administration has strived to make Virginia a Commonwealth of Opportunity, but it is the tireless – and often thankless – persistence and leadership from you and other citizens of Virginia that have made and continue to make our Commonwealth a better place to live, work, and raise a family for everyone. For the last two years, your efforts and the efforts of your colleagues have resulted in 50 women being able to remain in this country, legally find jobs, and take care of their families. Furthermore, by bringing in law students from the University of Richmond to assist in your efforts, you not only provided some of Virginia’s future lawyers and leaders with a wonderful opportunity to better understand the practice of law, but you served as an excellent role model for what a lawyer should be – talented, dedicated, and always mindful of the importance of helping others. The award you will receive is a fitting reminder not only of the work you have done and continue to do, but of the legacy your leadership has left on the students you taught and the families you served.

Again, congratulations on this important recognition and thank you for everything you do for the Commonwealth of Virginia.

Sincerely,



Robert F. McDonnell

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