



## THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT

*Giving is not just about making a  
donation, it's about making a  
difference.*

*Kathy Calvin*

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Dear <<First Name>>,

Thank you for supporting the vision and mission of USTAG. A special thank you to you if you have donated to any one of our three successful fundraisers for the Biden-Harris campaign in the past month. Your ongoing support ensures we have the resources we need to convey our Tamil struggle to key political figures on Capitol Hill and do our part to assure that the United States keeps a close watch on Tamils in Sri Lanka and prevent future atrocities from happening.

**Through support from people like you, we were able to accomplish the following events this month to assure that upcoming election and possible administration includes the interests of the Tamil people.**

## Ohio Event with Kamala Harris



Earlier this month, we helped organize a virtual event in Ohio to show our support for Senator Kamala Harris, Senator Sherrod Brown, and Congresswoman Joyce Beatty. Prior to the event, two USTAG members represented Tamil human rights

concerns directly to Senator Kamala Harris, Senator Brown, and Congresswoman Joyce Beatty in a private reception. A USTAG member was also able to ask the guest speakers a question during the main event.

## Tamil American Event with Maya Harris

Recently, we partnered with Indian-Tamil Americans to host an exclusive event featuring Maya Harris. A USTAG member engaged in a heartwarming conversation with her that encompassed topics like the importance of Tamil heritage and culture and questions about human right violations against Tamils in Sri Lanka.



## Staten Island Event with Jim Clyburn

Serving as a beacon of hope for human rights in Congress, Jim Clyburn discussed the importance of civil rights in an event hosted by some of our members and supporters in Staten Island. He carefully listened to our

concerns and validated the importance of our advocacy to uphold peace, dignity, and fair treatment for Tamils in Sri Lanka.

## Joint Statement to Mike Pompeo Ahead of his Visit to Sri Lanka

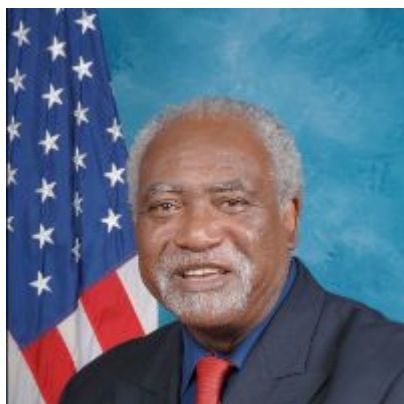
As many of you know, US Secretary of State, Mike Pompeo, has made his way to Sri Lanka this week primarily in response to the overwhelming amount of Chinese influence currently taking place there. Prior to his visit, various human rights organizations informed Pompeo through letters of the ongoing violations against human rights currently occurring in Sri Lanka. USTAG, along with five other Tamil diaspora organizations also sent a joint statement to Secretary Pompeo informing him of the decline of democracy in the state and the past gross atrocities which were directly inflicted upon the Tamil people by the current Rajapaksa administration. You can read the full joint statement [here](#).

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## Upcoming Events

### Fundraiser for Danny Davis



Please support our dear friend Congressman Honorable Danny K Davis (D-IL), who has helped us in many ways. Rep. Davis has co-chaired the Congressional Caucus for Ethnic and Religious Freedoms in Sri Lanka for over 10 years, sponsored a resolution to let people out of the camps in 2009, and visited the North East when the tsunami struck in 2005 and bravely faced down a lot of flack for that trip. Please be

generous and donate before our fundraiser event **this Saturday (October 31st) at 12pm noon EST.**

Donate online at [I just gave to Danny Davis!](#)

**Join our Zoom Event This Saturday:**

[Join our Cloud HD Video Meeting](#)

Meeting ID: 853 4055 6750

Passcode: 505293

## International Strategy Session

For the last 10 years, USTAG has been inviting delegates from diaspora organizations and Tamil activists for a day-long strategy session to discuss how the diaspora can advance their efforts in working for the betterment of Tamils at home. Many of the projects that were conceptualized in previous sessions have been executed successfully. This year the pandemic does not allow for an in-person meeting, but it provides the opportunity for more delegates to join from all around the world. This year's strategy session is taking place at a crucial time when Sri Lanka has announced their withdrawal as a co-sponsor to the UNHRC resolution 30/1, and is seeing an unprecedented rise in Sinhala Buddhism. Amidst of all our differences, our goal now should be to unite and discuss how to move the struggle forward. The session will take place from December 14th to December 15th. If anyone would like to participate, please send us an email at [info@theustag.org](mailto:info@theustag.org).

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## Announcements & Continued Projects

### Congressional Advocacy Internship

The USTAG strongly values the involvement of young people in our cause. For this reason, we work every week with young people across the country on Zoom and help them become better advocates for justice and peace for Tamils in Sri Lanka. We are always welcoming passionate, young individuals to join us in our mission. **If you know a young person who is passionate**

**about justice and human rights, please consider sharing [this flyer](#) with them or email [outreach@theustag.org](mailto:outreach@theustag.org) for more details.**



## Show your Support for Tamils in Sri Lanka

To continue doing the valuable work we do, we need support from passionate people like you now more than ever. YOU can deliver hope not only to our cause but also directly to Tamils in Sri Lanka by supporting our work.

**Donate Now**

## Join Us Today

### Visit our Website for More Information



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Doing this protects against overzealous spam filters.

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