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Citizens' Stamp Advisory Committee
Stamp Development
United States Postal Service
1735 North Lynn Street, Room 5013
Arlington, VA 22209-6432

Re: Request for Stamp Issue

Dear members of the Citizens' Stamp Advisory Committee:

I am a member of the American Sikh community.

I am writing to your distinguished committee to request your consideration for a first class USPS stamp to recognize a Sikh religious holiday. The Sikh community recognizes and supports the recognition of Christmas, Hanukkah, Eid, and Kwanzaa commemorative stamps. These are days important to all citizens in this one nation under God.

The Sikh Community would like to be able to share in this honor.

Many schools and institutions recognize the Sikh religious holidays today. Sikhs came to this country over one hundred years ago and have contributed significantly to American society in the last century. The first Asian member of Congress, Dalip Singh Saund, was a member of the Sikh faith. The Sikh faith is the fifth largest religion in the world and has values of equality, freedom of choice of religion, and justice. There are numerous Gurdwaras (places of worship) all over the United States, as well as professional and other organizations specific to Sikhs. I am also proud to be an active part of the multi-faith community of our country.

In addition to the creation of a commemorative stamp for a Sikh holiday, I would like to request your consideration of the forthcoming celebration in 2008 of the 300th anniversary of the dedication of Siri Guru Granth Sahib (the Sikh scriptures) for a special issue.

Thank you for your time and consideration in this regard.

Yours sincerely,