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*His Eminence D. K. Garchen Rinpoche*

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Dear Brothers and Sisters,

I am delighted to learn that my disciples have requested my blessings and spiritual guidance for the establishment of Drikung Dharma Surya Center (DDSC) in Northern Virginia of the Washington D.C. metropolitan area, under the auspices of His Holiness the Drikung Kyabgon Chetsang and His Holiness the Drikung Kyabgon Chungtsang, the heads of the profound, unbroken Drikung Kagyu lineage.

America is blessed with many attributes. DDSC is being established in Northern Virginia near the Nation's Capital. It will greatly benefit Buddhist practitioners of all levels, particularly the numerous Asian communities. In the Washington D.C. area, there is a growing number of Vietnamese, Chinese, Tibetan, and others who are motivated to study and practice the Buddhadharma.

It is through pure motivation from each individual that this Dharma Center will exist for the good of America and its diverse people and citizens.

Successfully establishing, operating and sustaining a center where people can practice the Dharma, turn the Dharma wheel, and walk on the path of the Dharma do indeed render the invaluable service to Buddha. I rejoice that DDSC is planning to eventually establish a Dharma Center for study and practice of the teaching of Tibetan Buddhism, as well as inter-religious programs and the rich and unique cultural heritage of Tibet.

I rejoice in the positive karma that has brought all of us together in this life to continue to work for the benefits of others, and I rejoice in all the work achieved by my disciples, members and the Sangha in support of the DDSC.

I would like to urge everyone, including all sister centers, members and supporters to continue to assist and support DDSC in achieving its Dharma mission and activities.

It is my fervent prayer that DDSC will become a reality in the near future and benefit many Americans in the future.

I pray that this Drikung Kagyu Dharma Center will abide for as long as sentient beings exist.

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