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May 18, 2021

**Mr. Thomas Tighe,
President and Chief Executive Officer
Direct Relief
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California 93117,
USA**

Dear Mr. Tighe,

On behalf of the Government of Nepal and the Embassy of Nepal in Washington, DC, I would like to express my gratitude to Direct Relief for responding to our request for humanitarian medical relief at a time when Nepal is undergoing through the most difficult phases of the ongoing pandemic.

I know that as a credible and efficient humanitarian relief agency with its glorious history, the role Direct Relief is playing to respond to the COVID-19 pandemic globally by channeling the donations from individuals and organizations into the much-needed vital relief supplies with an approach of direct and targeted assistance is of great significance.

Let me recall that Direct Relief provided relief materials in the aftermath of the 2015 earthquake in Nepal. I am of the hope that Direct Relief's similar initiative to the ongoing pandemic in Nepal by providing relief materials which is proposed to reach Nepal in a chartered flight on May 27, 2021, will contribute to saving more lives in Nepal.

I thank all donors, individuals, private organizations, NGOs and charities for their solidarity by contributing to providing life-saving medical supplies as prioritized by the Government of Nepal such as, ventilators and oxygen concentrators through Direct Relief.

I would like to assure all individuals and organizations concerned that the Embassy of Nepal in Washington, D.C. is committed to providing all necessary coordination and facilitation to the Direct Relief, including in customs clearance, receipt and distribution of donated medical supplies once delivered in Nepal.

Dr. Yuba Raj Khatiwada