

Hello,

My name is Pranav Joshi, I live in Hillsboro, work for Intel. I am originally from India and a follower of hindu faith. I am writing this to voice Hindu community's concern regarding two individuals who are recommended vacant positions on OCAPIA. Aparna Rajagopal and Padma Akkaraju.

Both of them have presented themselves as voice of our minority Hindu/South Asian community. However, both of them are placed by an organization called Hindu for Human Rights which is an anti-democracy, anti-national and anti-Hindu organization. HfHR have always been focused on issues which are anti-Hindu. They often also engage in international India-Pakistan issues, which we feel should not be part of OCAPIAs policy. We believe that OCAPIA is a place to raise voice for local community issues which are related to Oregon state and not to serve any particular group's political agenda.

I also want to mention that both HfHR present themselves as Hindu advocacy group but have been historically involved in anti-Hindu activities such as

- Opposing refugee settlement act presented in India which was to resettle oppressed minority communities - Hindu, Christian, Sikh, Jain, Buddha - in neighboring countries.
- Supporting anti-Hindu seminar called Dismantling Global Hindutva
- Supporting campaigns like Holi Against Hindutva which is maligning and attacking Hindu festivals
- Opposing appointments of minority Hindu leaders throughout USA

I believe both of the candidates and HfHR are propaganda driven and will miss-use tax payer money using this position to propagate their biased political agenda which is not in interest of Oregon state and should not be entertained.

With this I would like to request to not confirm appointment of these two individuals - Aparna Rajagopal and Padma Akkaraju - to leave space for more deserving candidates whom are truthfully representative of their respective community.

Thank you  
Pranav