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Dear Friend,

Harvard University is delighted to learn about the Tamil community's interest in establishing the Sangam Professor in Tamil at Harvard. As the Dean of Arts and Humanities, I want to thank you for your consideration of this generous gift.

I wish to express our sincere interest in this opportunity. In 2011, Harvard established a Department of South Asian Studies in our Division of Arts and Humanities, and expanding our work in the study of this important area of the world is of great importance. Professor Parimal Patil, Chair of this newly created department, and his colleagues are enthusiastic about the opportunities this professorship would offer. It is wonderful that you are considering a gift that would further scholarship on ancient Tamil.

Todd Krohne from the Faculty of Arts and Sciences Development office is available to provide information as you consider joining fellow Tamil supporters to achieve this milestone. The Benefactor Handbook, included here, highlights some helpful information on what it means to be a philanthropic partner with Harvard.

We would be delighted to provide you with further information on South Asian Studies at Harvard and to answer any questions you may have about our efforts in the field of Tamil. Again, thank you for your generous intention.

Sincerely,

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