Dear Dosan Ahn Chang Ho,

I hope this letter makes your work toward us more proud. As a Korean American, I give you my deepest gratitude and admiration for the significant impact you've had on our community. Your legacy has become an inspiration to all of us, guiding us through history. Your dedication to us is like a story of a hero that can be kept in our biggest pride. You may not have lived to witness the fullness of your works completed for us, but your ideas and actions continue to inspire generations to generations of Korean Americans, including me.

Your role as a leader, activist, and mentor to countless individuals is awe-inspiring. Your vision for independent Korea and the cultural preservation of Korean identity has long been accomplished after your great sacrifice for us. You gave us the belief that we can maintain our culture while thriving as proud citizens of our new homeland. Your unwavering commitment and sacrifice during times of hardship were a source of strength for Korean Americans. Even though you faced discrimination, exile, and hardships, by being a Korean, you filled us with justice and self-determination afterward.

You served as a reminder that we, too, can overcome the challenges we face as we live in America. Your philosophy is still very relevant to us, as we still discuss the questions you left us with. You continue to influence Korean culture and the struggles and aspirations of the Korean diaspora. You gave us a reminder to connect to our roots and foster a sense of unity. Your commitment and eagerness for education have been a foundation of Korean American success, and your emphasis on the value of learning and self-improvement has left a great mark.

Your role as a teacher and the founding of the Chosun School reflect your belief in the power of knowledge. In the modern world, Korean Americans continue to spread from technology to the arts. Your teachings and principles have played a great role in teaching our community values of education, hard work, and family. Your sons, Philip Ahn and Ralph has become the first and the

second Korean-American actor, showing the world, the greatness of your family and the Koreans. And I am proud to carry your legacy, as are countless other Korean Americans.

We have been continuing to celebrate our culture through music, drama, culture, etc. Your passion for preserving the Korean language and traditions has inspired us to pass down our heritage to the next generation. As a Korean American, I've had the privilege of experiencing a sense of belonging within the Korean community. Your vision of a united Korean diaspora resonates strongly with many of us. We understand that, by working together and supporting one another, we can overcome challenges and achieve greater success.

For several years, the Koreans have made remarkable progress in terms of influence. We have Korean-American leaders in various places, including business, entertainment, etc. I must also acknowledge the challenges that the Korean-American community continues to face. Discrimination is still part of our struggles in our lives as Korean Americans. But your life story reminds us that the road to progress is not without obstacles.

Like you, we remain steadfast in our pursuit of equality, justice, and a better future for all Korean Americans. Your impact on the Korean-American community is immeasurable. There was even a post office dedicated to you which is now gone as we seemed a nonimportant community in America. But in modern days now, there's now a statue of your image in Riverside. Adding to that the Americans have noticed the historical importance of you and have a museum and preserved the house that you and your family used to live in when you were alive.

Your legacy has become a source of inspiration and a reminder that no matter the obstacles we face, we can make a difference. 고맙습니다 안창호 선생님, for your enduring legacy and the influence you have had on the lives of Korean Americans like me. Your vision and actions will continue to shape our community, and we are committed to carrying your passion forward.

With deepest respect and gratitude,

Jilli Kim, 2023/11/06