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GREETINGS:

It gives me great pleasure to join with Ali Zaker and everyone involved with the Moder Phatshala program in congratulating this year's graduates. Today, the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania joins your friends and family in saluting you on a job well done. Your accomplishment has set the stage for your future, and you deserve all of the accolades you receive today.

The Moder Phatshala program and its dedicated Bangladeshi-American volunteers provide vital services to ensure that all students receive the necessary support to be successful. I am impressed by both your achievements as graduates and the performance of this program. While you represent many families, communities, and backgrounds, you share one common achievement—you worked hard, stayed focused, and graduated. This same commitment can help you achieve future success, whether it's starting your career or continuing your education.

Your parents, friends, mentors, and teachers have each played a key role in nurturing you. I congratulate them today, as well, because your accomplishment is also their accomplishment. No one ever succeeds alone, and by maintaining a community of support you will continue to soar.

As Governor and on behalf of all Pennsylvanians, I extend sincere congratulations to all of the graduates. Best wishes as you begin this next phase in your life.

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