

STATEMENT OF NADIA MILLERON

I'M SAMYA'S MOM, AND THOUGH I'M HER ELDER, I LEARNED AND KEEP LEARNING SO MUCH FROM MY ONLY DAUGHTER. WE ALL WOULD WANT TO BE LIKE SAMYA WHO WAS LIGHT-HEARTED. SHE BRUSHED PAST NEGATIVE, INCONSEQUENTIAL COMMENTS AND FOCUSED ON WHAT IS GOOD AND WHAT COULD GET DONE. SAMYA WAS A BINDING FORCE IN OUR FAMILY, AMONG HER FRIENDS, IN HER ACADEMIC DEPARTMENTS. SHE WAS EXTRAORDINARY WITH LOGISTICS, GETTING PEOPLE TOGETHER TO HAVE GOOD TIMES, EAT & DANCE TOGETHER AND FEEL CONNECTED. THIS LED TO MARVELOUS COOPERATIVE PROJECTS, BOTH SOCIALLY AND IN ANTHROPOLOGY AND GLOBAL HEALTH. SAMYA COULD MARSHAL AND ANALYZE DATA FOR THE BENEFIT OF REAL PEOPLE IN NEED. SHE LINKED TECHNICAL AND HUMAN SKILLS.

THERE IS A HUGE HOLE IN OUR FAMILY AND AMONG HER FRIENDS. WE STRUGGLE TO BUILD UP OUR CONNECTIONS AS SHE DID SO EFFORTLESSLY, WITH GRACE AND FUN.

WE ARE ONE OF 337 FAMILIES WITH SUCH HUGE HOLES BECAUSE THIS AIRCRAFT DIDN'T FUNCTION. SAMYA AND HER FELLOW PASSENGERS SHOULDN'T HAVE DIED. THOSE IN CHARGE OF CREATING AND SELLING THIS PLANE DID NOT TREAT SAMYA AS THEY WOULD THEIR OWN DAUGHTERS. WE AS PASSENGERS NEED TO DEMAND THAT PLANES BE SAFE SO THAT NO ONE ELSE DIES. PROFITS SHOULD NOT BE PUT BEFORE SAFETY. WE ARE MAKING THIS EFFORT TO HELP PREVENT A 3RD CRASH.