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To,

Unicode Technical Director,
Unicode Technical Committee,
USA

From,

Dr. Guru Prasad,
Director
KaNaada Phonetics Pvt. Ltd.
India

Dear Dr. Deborah and other Unicode Committee Members,

Ref: L2/17-378 Preliminary proposal to encode Tigalari in Unicode by Vinod & Vaishnavi

We would like to thank you immensely for taking on this project that is very close to the heart of all Tulu speaking people and Tulu language. I am motivated by the work to bring Unicode standards to our ancient Tulu script. I have left my job and family in US and working on bringing an Indic keyboard called Ka-Naada for the last seven months in India. We also have a US patent on the layout. I have supported the efforts of the authors and others by meeting with them and also developing a Tulu keyboard based off Tigalari draft script, bringing the lipi or script alive. I am a little moved by the people's reactions and I think it is imperative this standard be adopted as soon as possible.

I along with Ka-Naada team agree with the proposal and also support the additional blocks to support E and O as Tulu speaking people use it colloquially currently.

The approval will help in schools and other digitization efforts and more importantly on font development and style sets based of various ancient Talegari (palm) scripts. It is taking a lot of education to convince people not to reinvent the wheel with new proposals adding no value to current work by the authors and their predecessors. I believe there is room for font styles and typesets to accommodate all.

Best regards,

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