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Washington, DC 20515

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President Donald Trump
The White House
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Washington, DC 20500

President Trump,

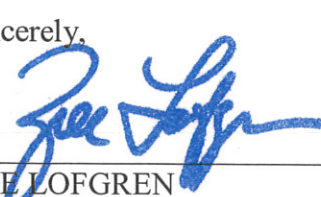
As Co-Chairs of the Congressional Caucus on Vietnam and Members of the United States House of Representatives who take an interest in human rights, we note with concern the designated venue for the second summit with North Korean leader, Kim Jong Un, in Hanoi, Vietnam. Being chosen to host a summit of this magnitude is an honor the Vietnamese government neither merits nor has earned, particularly given its deplorable human rights record, the detention of American citizens, and a new cybersecurity law that has already led to the censorship of social media posts from American and German citizens. We ask you to raise these issues in any discussion you may have with Vietnamese government and Communist Party leaders during your visit. They must not come away from the summit emboldened to expand restrictions on fundamental freedoms, but should know that the Administration views the status quo as unacceptable.

As you know, Vietnam has a disturbing record on human rights, particularly in the area of prisoners of conscience. In 2018, a list was released that included nearly 100 individuals who were imprisoned for holding views not tolerated by the Vietnamese government. The treatment endured by these prisoners is also alarming. American citizens have been arrested and reportedly brutally beaten during visits to Vietnam and Michael Phuong Minh Nguyen remains detained on trumped up charges since July 7, 2018. We ask you to make his case a priority during your visit to signal that the Vietnamese government's actions are unacceptable.


Human rights conditions in Vietnam are a high priority to us and our constituents and we believe that concrete improvements are intimately connected to U.S. interests and desired by the majority of the Vietnamese people. Therefore, if you cannot reconsider the venue of the North Korea summit, we ask that you meet with Vietnamese leaders and make the case why substantive improvements in the protections of religious freedom, free speech, and other basic human rights are a prerequisite for enhanced U.S.-Vietnam relations. We also ask that you strongly push for the release of Michael Phuong Minh Nguyen and the unconditional release of all prisoners of conscience. We have enclosed a list of prisoner cases we ask you to raise.

We look forward to hearing from you.

Sincerely,



ZOE LOFGREN
Member of Congress



CHRISTOPHER H. SMITH
Member of Congress



ALAN LOWENTHAL
Member of Congress

AMNESTY INTERNATIONAL LIST OF VIETNAMESE PRISONERS OF CONSCIENCE¹

- 1 Pastor A Dao
- 2 A Hyum also known as Bả Kôl
- 3 A Tách also known as Bả Hlôl
- 4 Bùi Văn Thâm
- 5 Bùi Văn Trung
- 6 Byuk
- 7 Chi
- 8 Đào Quang Thục
- 9 Đinh Nông also known as Bả Pol
- 10 Đỗ Thị Hồng
- 11 Đoàn Đình Nam
- 12 Đoàn Văn Cư
- 13 Hồ Đức Hòa
- 14 Dr Hồ Văn Hải
- 15 Hoàng Đức Bình
- 16 Hoàng Văn Giang
- 17 Jonh also known as Chinh
- 18 Kpă Sinh
- 19 Kpuil Lễ
- 20 Kpuil Mel
- 21 Ksor Kam also known as Ama H'Trum
- 22 Lê Đình Lượng
- 23 Lê Đức Động

¹ Amnesty International. (April 4, 2018). VIET NAM: PRISONERS OF CONSCIENCE IN VIET NAM. Retrieved from <https://www.amnesty.org/download/Documents/ASA4181622018ENGLISH.PDF> (updated February 19, 2019)

- 24 Lê Duy Lộc
- 25 Lê Thanh Tùng
- 26 Lê Trọng Cư
- 27 Lê Xuân Phúc
- 28 Lương Nhật Quang
- 29 Lưu Văn Vịnh
- 30 Ngô Hào
- 31 Ngô Thị Minh Ước
- 32 Nguyễn Bắc Truyền
- 33 Nguyễn Bình
- 34 Nguyễn Danh Dũng
- 35 Nguyễn Đặng Minh Mẫn
- 36 Nguyễn Dinh
- 37 Nguyễn Hoàng Quốc Hùng
- 38 Nguyễn Hữu Quốc Duy
- 39 Nguyễn Hữu Vinh
- 40 Nguyễn Kỳ Lạc
- 41 Nguyễn Nam Phong
- 42 Nguyễn Ngọc Cường
- 43 Nguyễn Trung Tôn
- 44 Nguyễn Văn Điền
- 45 Nguyễn Văn Đức Độ
- 46 Nguyễn Văn Hóa
- 47 Nguyễn Văn Oai
- 48 Nguyễn Văn Thiện
- 49 Nguyen Van Tuc
- 50 Nguyễn Việt Dũng

- 51 Nhi also known as Bả Tiêm
- 52 Nơh
- 53 Phạm Thị Phượng
- 54 Phạm Văn Trội
- 55 Phan Kim Khánh
- 56 Phan Thanh Tường
- 57 Phan Thanh Ý
- 58 Phan Văn Thu
- 59 Puih Bop also known as Ama Phun
- 60 Rah Lan Blom
- 61 Rah Lan Mlih
- 62 Rmah Hlach also known as Ama Blut
- 63 Rơ Lan Jú also known as Ama Suit
- 64 Rơ Lan Kly also known as Ama Blan
- 65 Rơ Mah Đaih also known as Ama Pôn
- 66 Ro Mah Klit
- 67 Rơ Mah Pró
- 68 Rôh
- 69 Run
- 70 Siu Ben also known as Ama Yon
- 71 Siu Brom
- 72 Siu Hlom
- 73 Siu Koch
- 74 Siu Nheo
- 75 Siu Thái also known as Ama Thương
- 76 Tậ Khu
- 77 Venerable Thạch Thuol
- 78 Thích Quảng Độ

- 79 Trần Anh Kim
80 Trần Hoàng Phúc
81 Trần Huỳnh Duy Thức
82 Trần Phi Dung
83 Trần Quân
84 Trần Thị Nga
85 Trần Thị Thúy
86 Trần Thị Xuân
87 Trương Minh Đức
88 Từ Thiện Lương
89 Võ Ngọc Cư
90 Võ Thành Lê
91 Võ Tiết
92 Vũ Quang Thuận
93 Vương Tấn Sơn
94 Vũ Văn Hùng