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Vietnamese American Community of Southern California
c/0 Tn Duc Ta, President
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Re: Letter of Acknowledgement and Support

Dear Vietnamese American Constituents:

As the State Assembly Member for the 69th district, representing a large constituency of Vietnamese Americans. I am pleased to offer my support for the Vietnamese American Community of Southern California's (VACSC) efforts to raise awareness of the human rights conditions in Vietnam.

I am also aware and recognize your disapproval and concern regarding recent land and sea concessions made between Vietnam and China. In recent years, China and Vietnam have signed land and sea border agreements. Several dissidents have since criticized the government for agreeing to border concessions without consulting the Vietnamese people.

I understand the concerns you have raised regarding human rights abuses in Vietnam. The suppression of free speech and expression in Vietnam is evident by the unfair arrests of Father Nguyen Van Ly. Venerable Thich Quang Do, Le Chi Quang, Nguyen Vu Binh, and Pham Hong Son for speaking against the Vietnamese government.

Again. I sincerely support your activism and efforts to raise awareness not only in California but internationally. Over the years, my office has been pleased to work together with and on behalf of the Vietnamese American community in Orange County, on a variety of issues to bring government to the people. I appreciate your tireless efforts to keep me informed about the issues Important the Vietnamese American community. If I can be of any assistance to your community, please do not hesitate to contact me at (714) 285-0355.

Respectfully,

Lou Correa

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