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To the Vietnamese American Community of Southern California
and my Vietnamese-American Constituents:

As the Representative of California's 45th District in Congress, I share your concerns about major land and sea territorial concessions to Communist China that were made secretly by the communist Government of Vietnam in December 1999 and December 2000.

These concessions concern me because they assist Communist China's aggressive expansionist territorial aims in Asia. At the same time, the concessions are of questionable legality for a number of reasons, which include the secrecy of the concessions, the lack of basic democracy and freedom that keep the Vietnamese people from learning about and voicing their opinions about the concessions, as well as the communist Government of Vietnam apparently not even following its own procedures and having the concessions ratified by its puppet congress.

I support your efforts to inform the people of Vietnam about these concessions, and denounce human rights abuses in Vietnam such as the jailing and possible secret execution of Vietnamese citizens who have spoken out, such as Quang Chi Le, Binh Vu Nguyen, Son Hong Pham, Father Ly Van Nguyen, and Buddhist clergyman Do Quang Thich.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Dana Rohrabacher".

Dana Rohrabacher
Member of Congress

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