

3. The ongoing abuse of human rights, the persecution of religion, and the suppression of free speech in Vietnam, in defiance of the Communist regime's own purported constitution, including the suppression and intimidation of those few persons who were able to learn of the surrender of the historic territories and attempted to speak out against this betrayal of Vietnam's history. In particular, I am troubled by the illegal arrest and confinement of Quang Chi Le, Binh Vu Nguyen, Son Hong Phan, Father Ly Van Nguyen, and Buddhist clergyman Do Quang Thich, whom the Communist regime is holding in jail indefinitely, without any opportunity for a fair and legitimate trial, and possibly subject to secret execution, merely for exercising their basic human rights in speaking out for the defense of Vietnam and its history.

As your elected representative, I oppose the continuing human rights abuses, including the suppression of religion and the denial of freedom of speech and freedom of the press, in Communist-occupied Vietnam. I condemn the persecution, arrest and confinement of those who have had the courage to speak out against the regime's secret concession of historic territories to a foreign power. Further, I support your effort to notify all people of good conscience, whether they be in America, in Vietnam, or anywhere else in the World, of the secret concession of Vietnam's historic territories, so that they may have the chance to voice their opinions regarding this act and how it will harm the livelihood and security of the Vietnamese people for generations to come.

Your efforts on behalf of human freedom in Vietnam will in time make our World a brighter and better place, and I am proud to serve you. If I may be of any further assistance to you, please never hesitate to let me know.

Best regards.

Very truly yours,



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