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Hon. Barbara Boxer  
United States Senator  
112 Hart Senate Building  
Washington, D.C. 20510

Re: Vietnam Human Rights Act of 2007

Dear Senator Boxer:

As Vietnamese-American elected officials in California and your constituents, we write today to request your support of H.R. 3096, the Vietnam Human Rights Act of 2007. In a 413-3 vote, the U.S. House of Representatives overwhelmingly passed this bill on September 18, 2007.

You may be aware that in recent years, the Communist regime in Hanoi continues to aggressively crack down on basic human rights and religious freedom. Countless intellectuals, priests, monks, writers and scholars have been arrested and subjected to physical as well as mental tortures for promoting the principle of democracy.

The most recent arrests and imprisonment of Father Nguyen Van Ly, attorneys Nguyen Van Dai and Le Thi Cong Nhan have exposed to the international community Vietnam's abysmal record on human rights violation. Also, in the latest act of violence against its people, Vietnam's security forces have suppressed thousands of innocent farmers, who peacefully protested against the unfair seizures of their lands.

Furthermore, this bill is critical in light of the brutal crackdown going on in Vietnam against human rights advocates, religious leaders, social justice lawyers, and pro-democracy authors, journalists, and scholars. The public condemnation against the Most Venerable Thich Quang Do of Vietnam's Unified Buddhist Church and the picture of Father Nguyen Van Ly being muzzled at his own trial epitomizes Vietnam's policy of political and religious repression.

This legislation sets objective benchmarks for the Vietnamese leadership to demonstrate their true intention to improve the human rights conditions and respect religious freedom. The bill also authorizes funding to support the development of civil society and promote democratic activities.

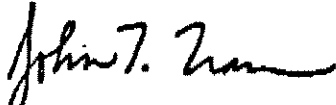
Once signed into law, H.R. 3096 will play a crucial role in pressuring Vietnam to give deference to basic human rights and religious freedom. We strongly urge you support this important legislation.

Should you have any further questions, please do not to hesitate to contact Truong Diep at (714) 668-2100 or by email at [truong.diep@gmail.com](mailto:truong.diep@gmail.com). Thank you and we look forward to your favorable response.

Sincerely,



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