

September 18, 1996

Dear Senator/ Congressman/ Congresswoman:

My name is Bach Van Deo, a former political prisoner of the Vietnamese communist regime. I am currently residing at _____, Dorchester, MA 02125.

Before April 1975, I served in Special Force at Vietnam. After the communists came to power, I was imprisoned in a re-education camp from 1963 to 1980.

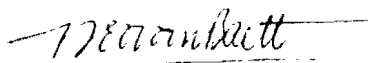
Because of that experience I have been admitted to the United States on 11-17-1993 in accordance with a subprogram of the ODP program for former political prisoners under a bilateral Agreement between Vietnam and the United States. While I am grateful for the chance to resettle in the United States, my resettlement has been made extremely difficult on account of the fact that the following unmarried children of mine have been rejected for resettlement despite the fact that for many years the unmarried children were permitted to accompany their parents who were former political prisoners.

1- Lieu Thu Thi Deo, born in 1963.

After long separation due to my imprisonment our family is now further split up at a time when we thought that we could be reunited.

Thus, I hope that you can help me so that our family could be together again. In particular, may I urge that you give your support to Section 595 of the Foreign Operations Appropriation Bill H.R. 3540 offered by Senator John Mc Cain and enacted by the Senate on July 26, 1996. The bill will be considered by the Conference Committee in early September, 1996. By making sure that this Section remains in the final Act, you will be helping many families of former Vietnamese political prisoners who are in the same sad situation as mine. Many, many thanks for your kind assistance.

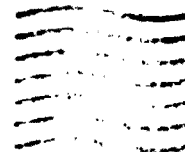
Sincerely,

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Bach Van Deo

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