

from KLi Phạm



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To: Hội gia đình tù nhân chính trị Việt nam



Westminster September 5, 1996

Hội gia đình tù nhân chính trị Việt Nam 7813 Marthes Lane Falls Church VA 22043
Dear Senator Richard C. Shelby:

My name is Khi Pham a former political prisoner of the Vietnamese communist regime. I am currently residing at

Before April 1975, I was Lieutenant in the armed forces of the Republic of Vietnam. After the communists came to power, I was imprisoned in a re-education camps from June 26, 1975 to January 18, 1981 at the camps as following:

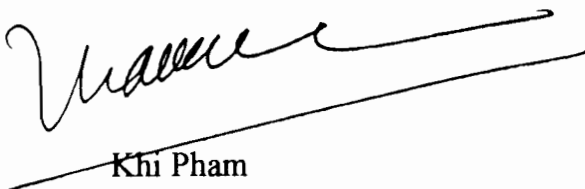
Tay Ninh, Trang Lon, Phuoc Long
Dong Bang, Long Khanh, Junction Ong Don, K3

Because of that experience I have been admitted to the United States on December 8, 1995 in accordance with a subprogram of the Orderly Departure 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 because the following unmarried children of mine have been rejected for resettlement despite the fact that for many years unmarried children were permitted to accompany their parents who were former political prisoners.

1. Hieu Ngoc Pham	April 5, 1962
2. Thao T. N. Pham	July 25, 1963
3. Thuan Ngoc Pham	November 9, 1964
4. Thu T. N. Pham	September 20, 1970
5. Hai Phu Pham	June 15, 1971

Thus, I hope that you can help me so our family could be together again. In particular, may I urge that you give support to Section 595 of the Foreign Operation Appropriation Bill H.R. 3540 offered by Senator John McCain and enacted by the Senate on July 26, 1996. The bill will be considered by the Conference Committee in early September, 1996. By insuring 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,



Khi Pham