

Dear Hội gia đình tù nhân chính trị Việt Nam.

My name is BỐ TRAN VAN a former political prisoner of the Vietnamese Communist regime. I am currently residing at
MPLS MN 55.411.

Before April 1975. I was a Captain in the armed forces of the republic of Vietnam. After the communists came to power, I was imprisoned in a re-education camp from 25-6-1975 to 25-4-1981 and all: Long Giao, Hóc Môn, Hàm Tân.

Because of that experience, I have been admitted to the United States on 15-6-1995 in accordance with a subprogram of the orderly 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/-TRAN - BA - THO.

2/-TRAN - BA - NHAN

Because of the change in policy, my wife has had to stay back in Vietnam causing untold suffering to our family. After long separation due to my imprisonment, our family now continues to be split at a time, when we thought that we could be reunited.

Thus, I hope that you can help me so our family could be together again. In particular, may I urge that you give your support to section 505 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,
Bố Trần Văn

Date Nov - 18. 1996.