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Prime Minister Hun Sen  
Kingdom of Cambodia  
c/o Royal Embassy of Cambodia to the United States  
4530 16th Street, NW  
Washington, DC 20011

Dear Prime Minister Hun Sen,

We want to express to you our grave concerns with the deteriorating political situation in Cambodia. Over the past year, we have watched ongoing crackdowns on dissenting voices and politically-motivated prosecutions of opposition lawmakers, including Cambodia National Rescue Party (CNRP) leaders Sam Rainsy and Kem Sokha. Now, there are news reports that security forces in Cambodia, under your orders, are prepared to use any means necessary to crack down on opposition demonstrations.

Last week, the United States House of Representatives passed H.Res. 728, reaffirming the commitment of the United States to promoting democracy, human rights, and the rule of law in Cambodia. We condemn all forms of political violence in Cambodia, and urge you and your government to end all harassment and intimidation of Cambodia's opposition and drop all politically motivated charges against opposition lawmakers. Enclosed for your reference is a copy of the resolution as passed by the House of Representatives.

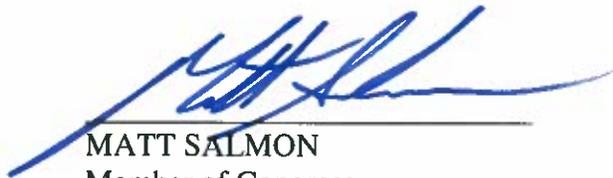
As friends of Cambodia, we see limitless opportunity for the people of Cambodia if only they are allowed the chance to speak freely and openly petition their government.

Again, we call on you to immediately cease the harassment and persecution of Cambodia's opposition. Dropping all charges against Sam Rainsy, Kem Sokha, and other opposition lawmakers would be a show of good faith and should occur posthaste. The people of Cambodia deserve to have their voices heard in a society that welcomes open debate and respects democratic values. The upcoming elections in 2017 and 2018 can only be considered legitimate if they are held in an environment that truly respects open political debate and dissent.

Sincerely,



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