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The Honorable Ted Osius
United States Ambassador to Vietnam
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Dear Ambassador Osius,

We write to congratulate you on your confirmation as United States Ambassador to Vietnam and to thank you for your commitment to upholding human rights in that position.

As you know, Vietnam remains one of the worst violators of human rights in Asia, holding prisoners of conscience on purely political grounds and stifling the freedoms of speech, press, and religion. We believe that as the United States seeks a closer relationship with Vietnam and continues to negotiate the Trans-Pacific Partnership, our country should press the government of Vietnam to improve its human rights record and respect the basic rights of its own citizens.

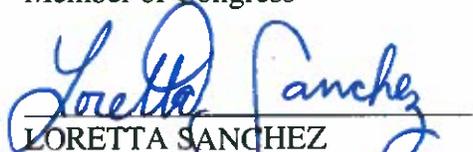
As representatives of Little Saigon in Orange County, California, with the largest population of Vietnamese Americans, we invite you to visit and meet with our constituents at your earliest availability. We believe that the Vietnamese American community in our districts has a unique and valuable perspective on United States policy in Vietnam.

Last year, Ambassador David Shear visited Little Saigon and met with community members in a town hall to hear their concerns. Ambassador Shear was well received, and his updates from Vietnam were greatly appreciated by our community. We know that the Vietnamese American community would likewise be honored to welcome you to Little Saigon.

Thank you for your consideration, and we look forward to working with you in the future to improve human rights in Vietnam.

Sincerely,


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