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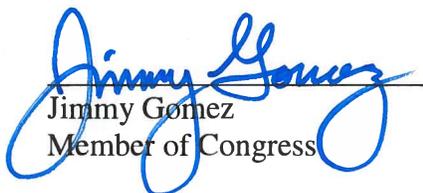
We write to you deeply concerned about the imprisonment of William Anh Nguyen, who witnesses report was brutally attacked and detained by the Ho Chi Minh City police on June 10, 2018. As Members of Congress representing Mr. Nguyen's family and the larger Vietnamese-American community, we request an immediate meeting with you so that we can work together to secure his immediate release.

Mr. William Nguyen is a Vietnamese-American who was born and raised in Houston, Texas. He earned his bachelor's degree in Southeast Asian Studies from Yale University and settled in California's 34th district before receiving a full scholarship for a Master's in Public Policy at the Lee Kuan Yew School at the National University of Singapore.

On June 9, Mr. Nguyen arrived in Ho Chi Minh City for a short vacation before his upcoming graduation in July. The following day, Mr. Nguyen attended a peaceful demonstration protesting your government's proposal related to Vietnam's special economic zones. As Vietnamese police attempted to control these protests, Mr. Nguyen was beaten over the head and dragged into a police truck. Witnesses reported that Mr. Nguyen was bloodied and beaten as he was taken into custody.

As the details of the situation are discovered, we firmly believe that Mr. Nguyen should be granted continued access to the necessary medical and consular services to ensure his health and safety. As his Congressional representatives, Mr. Nguyen's safety is our priority and we urge you to work with us to obtain his immediate release.

Sincerely,

  
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Member of Congress

  
Alan S. Lowenthal  
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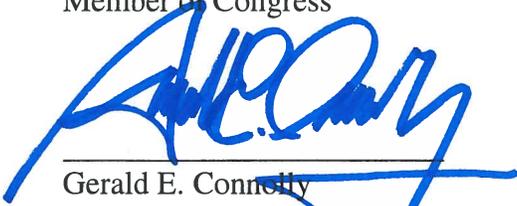
  
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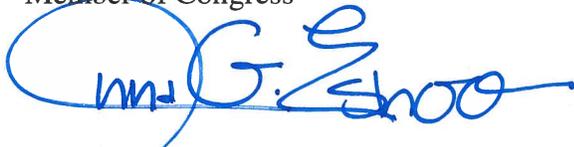
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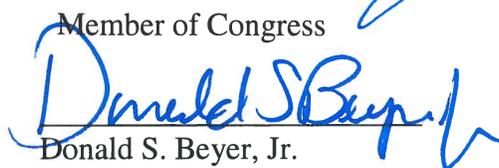
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