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Representative Bruce Anderson,
Chairman, Veteran Affairs Committee
Minnesota House of Representatives
365 State Office Building
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Saint Paul, Minnesota, 55155

Dear Mr. Chairman:

On behalf of all Khmer people, I would like to offer you our sincere appreciation regarding your noble recognition of our past contributions to the Vietnam War effort. There is no doubt that this act will leave an indelible mark in the heart of all Khmer veterans in America as well as those who unfortunately have to remain living under the Communist yoke until today.

As one of the Division Commanders of the United States National Defense Corps (USNDC), with a stern mission to serve this country again alongside Homeland Security, FBI Infragard, and many other agencies. I also happen to be a "live witness" of the historic events which occurred more than 40 years ago in Indochina. Therefore, I believe, I can testify to the heroic deeds that the Khmer Freedom fighters had contributed to helping the United States during the war. They had gallantly fought to change the pro-Communist regime in Cambodia, and help to keep the pro-American government in Phnom Penh afloat until 1975. Thanks to this action, the U.S. was able to carry out Nixon's doctrine of Vietnamization of the Vietnam War to end the conflict's American involvement. I was the emissary of the Khmer Serei*, who held direct talks with General Lon Nol, Prime Minister of the Salvation Government of Cambodia. These talks took place in order to find a withdrawal solution for the U.S. and a better venue for Cambodia in avoiding imminent invasion/occupation by North Vietnam Armed Forces. As a result, the "legislative coup" was plotted against the Cambodia's pro-Communist Head of State, Prince Norodom Sihanouk, on March 18, 1970. This daring event had opened up possibilities for the U.S. to strike against Vietnamese Communist sanctuaries inside Cambodia and paved the way for normalizing diplomatic ties between the United States and Cambodia. Indeed, while the Vietnamese Communists were being thrown off balance, the U.S. was able to withdraw its troops out of Vietnam.

Recognition of the sacrifices which were paid with blood and many with their own lives, is never an easy task to achieve. Whatever you can do in that attempt will have a great moral impact on those who used to fight and who believed in the United States for not forsaking them. Your support of the "Resolution" in question, in order to restore those warriors' confidence, beliefs, and morals, is always greatly appreciated.

Sincerely,

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USNDC Khmer Division Commander

*Khmer Serei, literally means Free Khmer, who assisted the US to change the regime in Cambodia in 1970