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Mr. Mark Zuckerberg
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Dear Mr. Zuckerberg:

I write today regarding a serious human rights concern. Recently, the Tom Lantos Human Rights Commission heard testimony about a plan by the Socialist Republic of Vietnam that will have serious and harmful repercussions for the freedom of expression and access to information in that country. The Vietnamese government is preparing a draft decree, titled *"Decree on the Management, Provision, Use of Internet Services and Information Content Online"* that would impact both Internet companies doing business in Vietnam and millions of Vietnamese citizens looking to the Internet as a source of news and information about the outside world.

This decree, which is expected to be formalized by the prime minister as early as the end of this month, would make it illegal to post anything online critical of the Vietnamese government. Users will be required to use their real names and identifying personal information as a means for the government to track them. Internet companies, such as Facebook, that provide blogging, chat and other "social networking platforms" will be required by law to provide information to the government of any prohibited activities that take place on these sites. Clearly this development is deeply problematic as it could make companies like Facebook complicit in government repression. The decree may also require foreign Internet companies providing access to users in Vietnam to relocate their data centers and establish local offices in the country.

How does Facebook intend to respond if such draconian rules are enacted in Vietnam?

The United States must be a beacon of democracy throughout the world and American companies, that benefit from the freedoms and resources of this country, should likewise seek to promote democracy and human rights.

I look forward to your response.

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Sincerely,

Frank R. Wolf
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Thank You