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It is also of concern to me that reports of abuse inside the prison towards these people may have occurred, if so, I wish to strongly voice my opposition to such procedures and request that they be looked after according to Vietnam's obligations as a signatory to the International Convention on Civil and Political Rights.

I respectfully request the release of these five people back to their families and look forward to hearing of the continual progress of the Nation of Vietnam, not only in its humanitarian responsibilities but also in economic growth and fiscal independence.

Yours sincerely

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