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January 7, 2008

President Nguyen Minh Triet
c/o Embassy of the Socialist Republic of Vietnam
1233 20th Street, NW, Suite 400
Washington, D.C. 20036

Dear President Triet:

We are writing regarding the arrest and detention of the six individuals who were peacefully promoting democracy in Vietnam on November 17, 2007. One of the detainees, Dr. Nguyen Quoc Quan, is a United States citizen and a resident of Sacramento, California. We request the release of these individuals.

The names of the detained individuals are as follows:

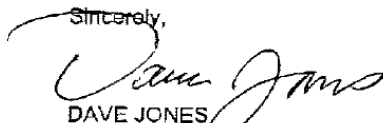
- **Dr. Nguyen, Quoc Quan:** Citizen of the United States
- **Mr. Truong, Leon (Van Ba):** Citizen of the United States (released December 13, 2007)
- **Ms. Nguyen, Thanh Van:** Citizen of France (released December 13, 2007)
- **Mr. Nguyen, The Vu:** Citizen of Vietnam
- **Mr. Nguyen, The Khiem:** Citizen of Vietnam
- **Mr. Khunmi, Somsak:** Citizen of Thailand


As members of Viet Tan, an international pro-democracy group, these individuals were promoting nonviolent democratic change. At the time of their arrest, they were merely handing out pro-democracy literature. The arbitrary detention of these individuals is unacceptable.

The United States and Vietnam have worked to improve our relationship over the past years. It is particularly troubling that, in this case, internationally-recognized human rights, including the freedom to express one's ideas in a peaceful manner, have been violated. We request the release of these individuals.

Thank you for your time and consideration regarding this matter. Please feel free to contact Ms. Melanie Ramil of Assemblymember Jones' staff at (916) 319-2009 should you have any questions.

Sincerely,


DAVE JONES
Assemblymember, 9th District


VAN TRAN
Assemblymember, 68th District

Lori Saldana

Asm. Lori Saldana, 76th District

John Laird

Asm. John Laird, 27th District

Jared Huffman

Asm. Jared Huffman, 6th District

Mary Hayashi

Asm. Mary Hayashi, 18th District

Lois Walk

Asm. Lois Walk, 8th District

Mike Feuer

Asm. Mike Feuer, 42nd District

Ira Ruskin

Asm. Ira Ruskin, 21st District

Sandré R. Swanson

Asm. Sandré R. Swanson, 16th District

Mike Davis

Asm. Mike Davis, 48th District

Noreen Evans

Asm. Noreen Evans, 7th District

Mervyn Dymally

Asm. Mervyn Dymally, 2nd District

Anthony Portantino

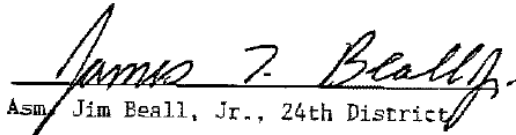
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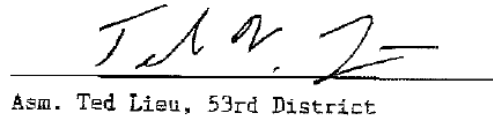
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Asm. Gene Mullin, 19th District

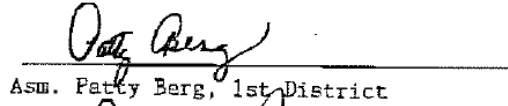
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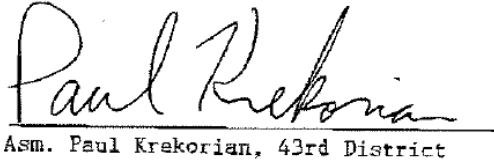
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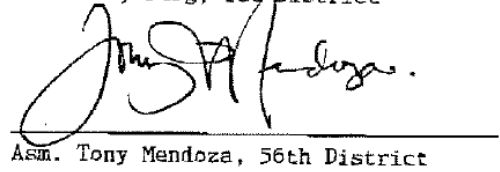

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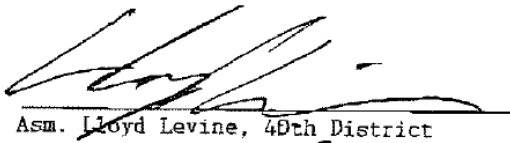

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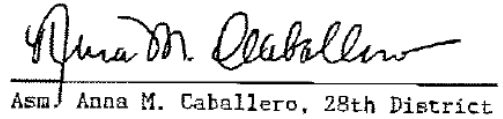

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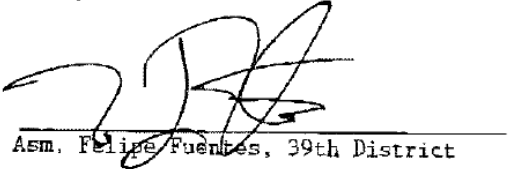

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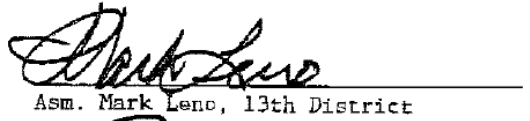

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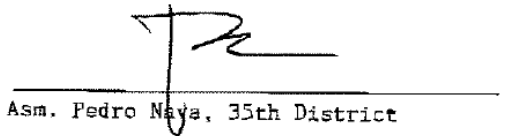

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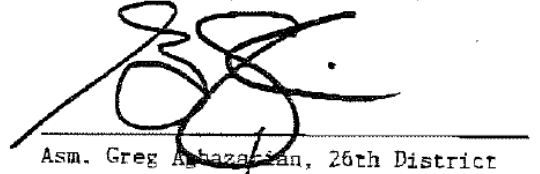

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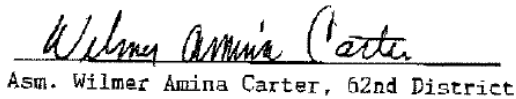

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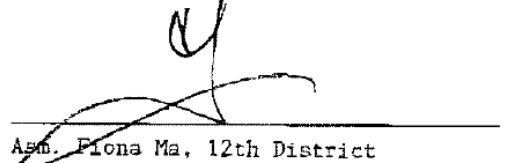

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Asm. Mark Leno, 13th District

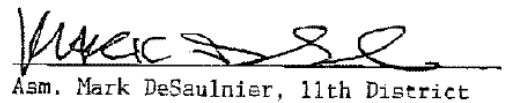

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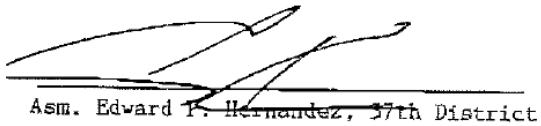

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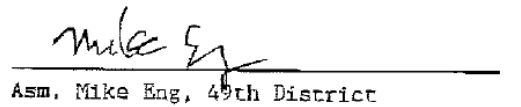

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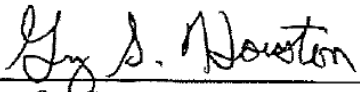

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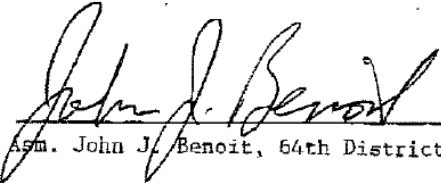

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Asm. Mark DeSaulnier, 11th District

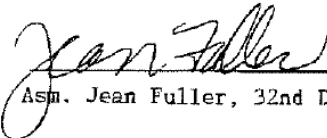

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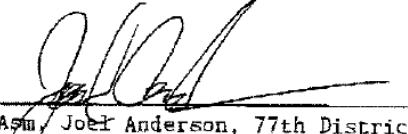

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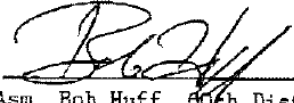

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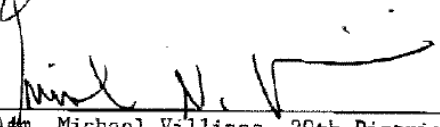

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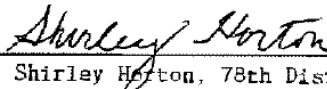

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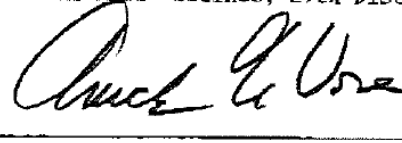

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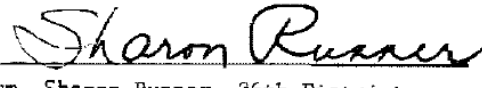

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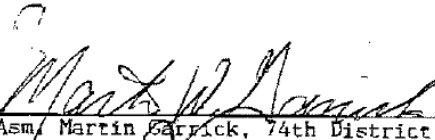

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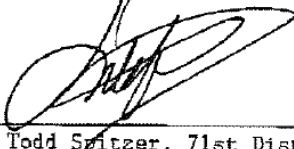

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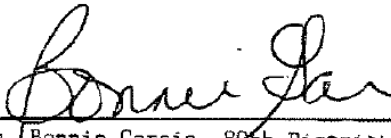

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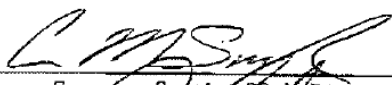

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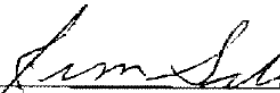

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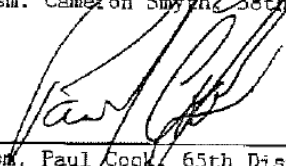

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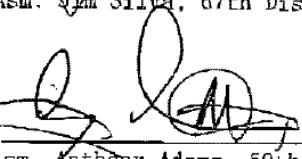

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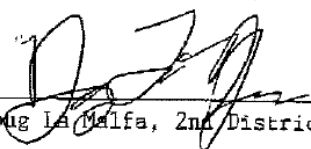

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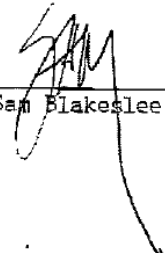

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Asm. Paul Cook, 65th District


Asm. Anthony Adams, 59th District


Asm. Doug LaMalfa, 2nd District


Asm. Kevin Jeffries, 66th District


Asm. Sam Blakeslee, 33rd District
