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Dear Representative LeDoux:

I am Arthur Yang, An Advisor of the SGU Veterans Chapter Alaska, the Headquarter is SGU Veterans and Family Development, Inc. 971 Arcade St. Saint Paul, Minnesota 55106, USA Non-profit Organization, Federal Tax ID 501C4 and title 19.

In 1960, The Central Intelligence Agency and the United States recruited Hmong people to fight against the Vietnam War. The Hmong SGU missions were:

1. To cut the Ho Minh Trail to prevent enemy troops and supply convoys using fight the US troops South Vietnam,
2. To rescues all American pilots who is shot down from the enemy, dead or life,
3. To protect the Radius Navigation Tour 40 Kilometer board from North Vietnam to navigating all American pilots (with the Radius Communication Tour, all the US Pilots do not where to fly).

There were more than 30,000 Hmong soldiers died in combat and many of them died in sacrifice their lives to rescue the American pilots.

In May 1975, Laos had completely fallen into communist hand; the communist began to prosecute the Hmong people who had served for the United States government to fight against the communist during the Vietnam War. More than 100,000 Hmong people fled to Thailand for refuge.

In 1976, the United States recognized the sacrifice made by Hmong soldiers that fought for the U.S. then began to accept Hmong refugees into the United States. Many other Hmong had spent over 20 years in the Refugee Camps in Thailand. We the Hmong people thank the United States government for bringing us to America.

The Hmong SGU Veterans Families including parents and children, about 5000 individual who were resident in State of Alaska, I support the bill of Hmong American Veterans day resolution 4 establish May 15th Hmong America Veterans Day. If any other information, please contact met at (907) 764-3634. Thank you very much for all of your times.

Respectfully yours

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