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**RE: H.R 4007 Amerasian Paternity Recognition Act**

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Dear Congressman Dan Lungren,

On behalf of the **United Amerasians of United States**, we are asking for your support on H.R. 4007 Bill. This bipartisan Bill will amend the Immigration and Nationality Act to provide US Citizenship to the children of US servicemen born abroad, more specifically children born during the Vietnam War. The Bill is attached for your convenience.

Thanks to the Amerasian Homecoming Act in 1987, which was supported by both parties and signed by President Ronald Reagan, most of us are now living in our fatherland. Unlike other children who were born to US Servicemen abroad, we were granted permanent residency, but were not granted American citizenship.

Sadly, after April 30<sup>th</sup>, 1975, Amerasians in Vietnam suffered greatly and were discriminated against under the communist regime. We were labeled their "blood enemy". The communists wanted to destroy our future. Under their "perfect" system, many Amerasians were not financially able to attend school at all, or were allowed to attend school, but were harassed until they quit school at the elementary level.

When we came to the fatherland (USA), some of us were not able to continue school due to our work schedule to support our families. Others of us were not able to start school because we lacked basic education while growing up in Vietnam. In order to become a US citizen, we have to study and pass the oral interview and written test about US Government and US History. It is impossible for a lot of us to study the English language now because we do not even know how to read and write Vietnamese. It is very difficult for us to learn about the US Government and History to become a US citizen.

We ask for your support of the H.R 4007 Amerasian Paternity Recognition Act so we Amerasians can become US citizens without going through the Naturalization Process. We are the biological children of US Servicemen after all. We deserve to be US citizens, not treated like refugee permanent residents who cannot vote.

Thank you so much for your consideration. Your time is greatly appreciated.

Sincerely & respectfully yours,

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**Tony Nguyen (Child of a United States Serviceman)**  
Representative of Amerasians