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The Honorable Ron Johnson  
Wisconsin Senator  
328 Hart Senate Office Building  
Washington, DC 20510

Dear Senator Johnson.

It has been brought to my attention that the Trump Administration is negotiating with the Lao People's Democratic Republic to deport *thousands* of Hmong-Lao Americans. This news has sent shockwaves through the Hmong community which was made evident in Congresswoman Betty McCollum's letter to Secretary of State Mike Pompeo and from the several contacts I have received from constituents. Outagamie County has a significant Hmong population so this issue is of particular concern.

The Hmong's history in our state date back 44 years when they migrated to our country. We afforded them safe haven because they fought on our side in the "Secret War" during the Vietnam era. Had the Hmong been left in Laos after the war they would have faced certain persecution or even death. We had an obligation then and we have an obligation now to support and protect them.

As a member of the US Senate Foreign Affairs committee you hold a key leadership post to address this matter. Therefore, I am respectfully asking that you hold hearings immediately to get to the bottom of this development. Thank you for your consideration. I look forward to hearing from you soon.

Sincerely,



Thomas Nelson