

October 5, 2006

Congressman Martin Olav Sabo  
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Dear Congressman Sabo,

It has recently come to our attention that the State Department published its Annual International Religious Freedom Report on September 15, 2006. Despite our best efforts, and your efforts on our behalf, the issue of Hmong Grave Desecrations at Wat Tham Krabok, Saraburi Thailand, was not included in this report. The International Religious Freedom Report can be found on the State Department's website at: <http://www.state.gov/g/drl/rls/irf/2006/71359.htm>.

We believe that this case of religious intolerance should have been included in the report on Thailand. Including it in the report would have helped bring resolution to the issue and would have put governments around the world on notice that the United States will not abide religious intolerance in any form.

In light of this development we urge you to contact the State Department to express your concern over the omission of this case in the Annual International Religious Freedom Report, and encourage them to include it in their annual Country Reports on Human Rights Practices.

Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions regarding this case.

Sincerely,

Barbara A. Frey  
Director