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The Honorable Condoleezza Rice
United States Secretary of State
2201 C Street N.W.
Washington, DC 20520

Dear Secretary Rice:

Again, I write on behalf of many Hmong constituents regarding Hmong grave desecration at the Wat Tham Krabok in Thailand.

I am deeply disappointed that the State Department's Annual International Religious Freedom Report failed to include this example of religious intolerance.

The State Department's failure to include these acts is a missed opportunity to help bring resolution to this matter and alert other governments of the United States' unwillingness to accept this form of religious intolerance.

I respectfully request that you include Hmong grave desecration at Wat Tham Krabok in the State Department's annual country reports on human rights practices.

Thank you for your attention to this important matter.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Martin O. Sabo".

Martin Olav Sabo
Member of Congress