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THE HMONG INDIGENOUS PEOPLE IN LAOS: A YEAR LATER AND
STILL SUFFERING

Honorable Dignitaries,
Distinguished Guest,
Ladies and Gentlemen:

The Hmong people are being forgotten but not gone. The Hmong continue to face a genocide-like plight at the hands of the (LPDR) Laos People Democratic Republic. Subsisting on native plants and animals scavenged from their jungle refuge, these last hold-outs for freedom and democracy in south-east Asia demand our attention and aid. They only want peace and freedom, but instead are being hunted and killed like animals by the LPDR in Laos. We also now learn that the children of our Hmong brother and sisters have been kidnapped in Thailand and forcibly returned to Laos to be beaten, abused, raped and tortured. When will the pain end? When will justice be prevailed to the Hmong in Laos?

I come here now because the news from the jungles of Laos is even worse than when I last spoke to you in 2005. Not only are the Hmong freedom and democracy seekers being attacked by the Lao's People Democratic republic, but with the north Vietnamese soldiers assisting in the capture and destruction of these defenseless people, that is not bad enough, I have received word that just a month ago, April 6th, 2006, Hmong women and children, hiding in the jungle Lao army force, had been and massacred! No less a source than Amnesty International has come forth with the proof of this genocidal outrages!

I am here today asking for your support because it is crucial to end the darkness that has befallen on my beloved Hmong brothers and sisters in the last 30 years under (LPDR) tyranny! Together, we can free them all from their bondage and only with the help of the United Nations and the International Community to put enough pressure to be brought to bare on the Lao government.

A year ago, the Lao People Democratic Republic has promised to the CERD committee to comply with the U.N laws and charter. Now a year has gone by only brought the Hmong in Laos more death at the hand of Lao government military troops.

What I am asking the United Nations and the wider International community to help the Hmong today. The answer is very simple. To take immediate action to pressure the Laos government until the following three Human Rights objectives are met:

1. The Laos government to stop killing the Hmong in the jungles of Laos immediately and force the North Vietnamese troops to leave Laos as soon as possible.
2. We would like to urgently request the United Nations to send in observers and Peace Keepers to secure the Hmong now in the jungles can be relocated and safety.
3. The Lao government to allow emergency humanitarian aid such as food, clothing and medicine to be brought in by NGOs for the use of the Hmong in the UN secured zones.

I walked across America to give the Hmong people in Laos hope and freedom! I am here today to ask for your help in making the long nightmare for the Hmong in Laos to come to an end! I am here with the hope that the International Community and the United Nations will no longer forget the forgotten Hmong people and the forgotten land, the Hmong.

Thank you!