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The Hon. Alex Hawke MP
Minister for Immigration, Citizenship, Migrant Services and Multicultural Affairs

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Dear Hon. Alex Hawke MP,

Re: Cancellation of visa on public interest

I am writing to ask you for an action against an act of a group of international students who wilfully desecrated the flag of South Vietnam on 30 April 2021 in Marrickville in the State of NSW.

The group committed the act of desecration while verbally insulted the people of Republic of Vietnam. The act was filmed and circulated on social media in a provocative manner challenging the Australian authorities and the entire Republic of Vietnam population around the world.

Exacerbating the fury and agony of the Vietnamese Community in Australia, this incident took place on the National Resentment Day of the Republic of Vietnam – The Fall of Saigon when thousands of Vietnamese were killed because of the North Vietnam Communist's attack on 30 April 1975 and millions of South Vietnam people risked their lives on dangerous boat journeys. The day of hundreds of thousands of people died at sea in the search for freedom. Millions of lives were changed irreparably forever.

The South Vietnamese flag is the symbol of freedom and democracy that many South Vietnamese soldiers has sacrificed for, and that of many Australian, American soldiers stood beside during the Vietnam war. The flag is a symbol of honour not only for the Vietnamese Community but also for Veterans of the anti-communist allies who fought and died beside. The flag desecration is heinous and must be condemned.

Australian values respect the freedom, dignity of the individual, and freedom of association that all temporary visa holders must signed and undertake to conduct in accordance with these values. These international students have vigorously violated the Australian values and threaten the well perceived cultural harmony in Australia.

The values that made Australia proud of being a safe, welcoming, cohesive but, at the same time, dynamic and diverse has been undermined. The Vietnamese communities,

and the allied veterans all over the world are demanding a cancellation of the students' visas and deportation to restore the Australian values.

In the event that the students were allowed to remain in Australia, there is a substantial foreseeable risk that the students would incite discord in the Vietnamese Australian community, and involved in activities that are disruptive and in violence threatening harm to that segment. The presence of the international students imposes serious risk to the health, safety and good order of a segment of the Australian community, in particular the Vietnamese Community in Australia.

We have received to date around 16,000 plus signatures demanding a visa cancellation which composes of an approximate 80 percent of Australians, and 20 percent of international concerns. We also received supporting letters from Government representatives, and communities' leaders from all over Australia and around the world. We attached herein for your records.

I urge the Honourable Alex Hawke MP to consider the public's interest, the safety and social cohesion of the Vietnamese Australian community to cancel the international student's visas and effect a deportation.

We note that the NSW Police Hate Crimes Unit, has already referred this matter to the Department of Home Affairs. Further, the NSW Education Department has temporarily suspended the students from school, and pending further disciplinary actions..

With sincere gratitude for your consideration on this matter.

Attachments

1. First incident video:

<https://drive.google.com/file/d/1fJov5x75qkd9rRDSM7a5a544jyGc83cq/view?usp=sharing>

2. Second incident video:

https://drive.google.com/file/d/1HFiKs61kCPWeG7CInSj06CqKOFe97ml8/view?fbclid=IwAR27ZixGH8F3nS_6MnV8MMJzfpfU85bvShFSThzAd1Dmj7CMqW92z8xazsQ

3. Petition signatures list
4. Supporting letters

Kind regards,



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