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## LETTER TO

## Congressman Alan Lowenthal and Congressman Steve Chabot Co-chairs of the U.S. Congressional Cambodia Caucus

Dear Co-chairs,

The Student Movement for Democracy (SMD), a non-governmental organization joined by Khmer intellectuals around the world, based in Washington, D.C., U.S.A, primarily focuses on advocacy on policies, international relationships to promote human rights, and democracy for Cambodia. We are deeply concerned with deteriorating human rights and liberal democracy in the Southeast Asian nations; in particular, the ambitious leaning of the return of military-takeover style in Cambodia, Thailand, and the latest in Myanmar.

The permanent coup d'état power grabber Cambodian Prime Minister **Hun Sen**, the betrayal of the will of Thai people power grabber Thai Prime Minister **Prayuth Chan-ocha**, and the military coup d'état power grabber Myanmar commander-in-chief **Min Aung Hlaing** present a greater growing communism in the Southeast Asian nations that undermines the will of the people in those countries who affirmatively determine their unwavering commitment for change toward democracy. The power seizure by abusing the will of the people violates the ASEAN constitution, the Universal Declaration of Human Rights and Political Rights, the United Nations Constitution, and the free, open, and rules-based international order that the United States of America led in creating after World War II.

Given the latest growing military takeover style in the Southeast Asian nations, we believe it is foremost urgent that requires the free world nations, especially the United States of America to reevaluate their priorities by taking immediate actions to confront those dictators to strengthen human rights and liberal democracy as a universal cause. It is now the time for the Biden Administration, one of the international order leaders, to play a more active role to cooperate with its allies and strategic partners to accelerate interventions and to increase consequential pressures on the military dictators' regime.

The Student Movement for Democracy (SMD) intuits that consequential and immediate interventions must be seriously taken against Myanmar military coup d'état regime for detaining Mrs. Aung San Suu Kyi and at least other 200 senior officials of the National League for Democracy (NLD), and their unnecessary use of deadly violence causing at least 3 people dead and over thirty serious injuries. The power grabbing in Thailand and in Cambodia for marginalizing the will of the people must be also immediately intervened. In Cambodia, the permanent coup d'état power grabber Cambodian Prime Minister Hun Sen seized power in his latest attempt by arresting Cambodia National Rescue Party (CNRP) leader Kem Sokha, dissolving the main opposition party (CNRP), banning at least 100 opposition CNRP officials from participating in politics, disbanding at least 5,007 officially elected seats of commune councils/members of parliamentary, and persecuting democratic activists and innocent people. His power grabbing leads the youngest democracy in Cambodia to gradually die in the last three years and there remains no signs of survival.

When the main opposition CNRP was dissolved, the Hun Sen's government - the mastermind of constitutional abuser and the betrayal of the will of the Khmer people - received less or no pressures and slow interventions from the international community, the United States of America, the European nations, and the United Nations. The lesson further taught Thai military to dissolve the opposition party in Thailand without hesitation. Instinctively, the slow actions against Myanmar military coup d'état regime will also inspire dictators in other nations in ambitiously expanding their military power. The military takeover style further strengthens deteriorations in the Southeast Asia nations and potentially in the whole region.

The Student Movement for Democracy (SMD) acknowledges that giving the military regime to live one day, they will strengthen to hold onto their power for some extent period of time, giving them one year to live, they will find ways to hold onto their power for extensive period of time, and giving them many years to live, they would hold on their power forever. They use the same coup d'état style to hang onto their power permanently. Like Cambodia, Mr. Hun Sen is treating Cambodia as his own family's property, and innocent Cambodian people as puppets of his power. Therefore, the United States of America must seriously look at the greatest dangerous situation in the Southeast Asian nations and take immediate actions. We are confident that the United States of America can liberate innocent people and the victims of the dictators from the regime's suppressions.

Sincerely,

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