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Dear Congressman Hunter,

I am the executive director of Korean American Community Corps, a 501(c)(3) organization that aims to promote civic participation among Korean Americans. Along with Korean American Voters' Council based in New York, we led the grassroots coalition that supported the successful passage of H.Res.121, "the comfort women" resolution.

I am writing to you today in support of the Levin amendment which is included in the Senate Defense Authorization Bill pertaining to Korean Americans divided from their families in North Korea. I urge you to include this provision in the House version of the Defense Authorization bill.

As you know the amendment requires the President to submit a report to Congress within six months on basic facts such as how many Korean Americans are affected; and also asking for the "President to describe any efforts the U.S. government has taken to facilitate reunions between U.S. citizens and their relatives in North Korea."

My family has been divided since the Korean War when my grandfather was abducted at gunpoint by the North Korean communist soldiers. We have no official account of what happened to him and we never heard directly from him. As you can imagine, the Levin amendment is very important to me and my family. I believe that my family is one of thousands of divided families living in the United States.

Please include this provision in the House version of the Defense Authorization bill and help the Korean-American citizens reunite with their families in North Korea.
Thank you so much.

Sincerely,

Annabel Park