



**MAYOR ROBERT GARCIA**  
CITY OF LONG BEACH

July 17, 2019

The Honorable Alan Lowenthal  
United States House of Representatives  
108 Cannon House Office Building  
Washington, DC 20515

**RE: H.R.526 – the Cambodian Democracy Act of 2019**

Dear Congressman Lowenthal:

I write to congratulate you on the bipartisan passage of H.R.526 - the Cambodian Democracy Act of 2019 - and to thank you for your steadfast work to promote democracy in Cambodia. I am hopeful the U.S. Senate will take up this legislation soon and send it to the President for his signature.

As you know, the Cambodian community is such an important part of our city. After having visited Cambodia earlier this year with the Port of Long Beach, in coordination with U.S. Embassy staff, we saw first-hand the resiliency of a country that deserves to be a full democracy.

Long Beach and Cambodia have a decades old sister city relationship with Phnom Penh and have worked on trade and cultural partnerships. Yet trade and economic cooperation cannot come at the expense of human rights and free and fair elections.

I support efforts to encourage the current government to deliver the promises made to the Cambodian people in the 1991 Paris Peace Accords that guaranteed free and fair elections and respect for basic human rights.

Please let me know if there are ways that I can help support your efforts to advance democracy for the Cambodian people.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Robert Garcia".

Mayor Robert Garcia  
City of Long Beach

cc: The Honorable Diane Feinstein  
The Honorable Kamala Harris