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Dr. Hai Viet Hong, Executive Director
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Dear Dr. Hong,

Thank you for the invitation to your upcoming concert, "Vietnam, Essence of Yesteryear 10" to be held on August 4th in Shoreline. I will not be able to attend, and will miss the beautiful sounds, colors and movement of your ensemble. I understand your group performed at the White House earlier this year and it was an exceptional experience. Congratulations on a great achievement.

It is wonderful to preserve the rich heritage of Vietnamese music, teaching the next generation how to play the ancient instruments and sing the lyrics that have been passed down for centuries. It is important to preserve these customs; they add so much value to our families and social life.

Please accept my best wishes for a wonderful concert and continued success of the Huong Viet performing Arts Group.

Best regards,

Senator Mike Padden