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Chairman Stephen Linton
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Dear Stephen:

I would like to congratulate you and the EugeneBell Foundation on the creation of the Saemsoni family reunification between the United States and North Korea. Your efforts are to be commended in this most humanitarian task.

For over 50 years, many Korean-Americans have been unable to contact loved ones that live in North Korea. Letters, phone calls, and emails are frequently prevented from reaching their destination. In many cases, Korean-Americans are unable to confirm whether family members are still alive. I hope that the launching of Saemsoni will help unite the thousands of Americans that have been disconnected from their families in North Korea.

For many years now, I have supported the reunification of Korean-Americans with their families abroad in North Korea. In 2001, I was a cosponsor of H.Con.Res.77, "Expressing the sense of the Congress regarding the efforts of people of the United States of Korean ancestry to reunite with their family members in North Korea. I am pleased to say that this resolution was unanimously passed in the House by a vote of 420-0.

Despite our best efforts, there remains much to be done. This is why the work that the EugeneBell Foundation does is paramount to the cause of many Korean-Americans. Again, I applaud your efforts and thank you for all of your hard work.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Ed", written in dark ink.

EDWARD R. ROYCE