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Million Hearts, One Voice

The recent convictions and jail sentences handed to musicians Vo Minh Tri (better known as Viet Khang) and Tran Vu Anh Binh highlighted once again the human rights situation in Vietnam.

It is critically important that people around the world make their voices heard in protest against human rights abuses.

The Million Hearts, One Voice Petition –has the aim of raising awareness with the United Nations and the International Community about the ongoing arbitrary detention of citizen journalists and democracy activists in Vietnam.

It is a global campaign that with the goal of 100,000 signatures before International Human Rights Day on December 10.

The petition can be signed at www.democracyforvietnam.net

I have signed the petition and I encourage all concerned Australians to sign the petition as well.

I call on the Vietnamese Government to embrace democracy and to immediately release not just these two activists but all political prisoners in Vietnam.

Please contact me with your thoughts on human rights in Vietnam, aged care matters or any other issue important to you. A Vietnamese speaking volunteer is available every Friday between 3:30-4:30pm.

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