Dear Mr President,

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I am writing to advise of the most recent tabling of treaties and to invite comments as part of the review process undertaken by the Commonwealth Parliament's Joint Standing Committee on Treaties.

Before action is taken to bind Australia to the terms of treaties, the Treaties Committee considers and reports on whether the proposals are in Australia's national interest. The Committee is currently inquiring into the following proposed treaties tabled in both Houses of the Parliament this week:

- Treaty between Australia and the Socialist Republic of Vietnam on Extradition (Canberra, 10 April 2012)

The subject matter of international treaties can be of interest to State and Territory Governments and Parliaments and we are keen to provide an opportunity for comment on any issues arising from proposed treaties. Treaty texts and copies of the National Interest Analysis (which accompany each treaty tabled) are available from the Committee’s website at http://www.aph.gov.au/Parliamentary_Business/Committees/House_of_Representatives_Committees?url=jsct/11september2012/index.htm

As the Treaties Committee has periods of 15 and 20 sitting days in which to complete its reviews, it would be helpful if you could forward any comments you might wish to make to the Committee Secretariat by Friday, 12 October 2012. If substantial issues of concern are raised about the proposed treaties and the Committee’s usual period of review is extended, it may be possible to arrange for a submission to be presented to the Committee.

Please direct any comments you might wish to make to:
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Yours sincerely,

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Your comments may be accepted as a submission to the review and authorised for publication. Should your officials have any questions about the treaty or about our review procedures, they should contact James Catchpole, Committee Secretary on telephone (02) 6277 4002, facsimile (02) 6277 2219 or e-mail jsct@aph.gov.au.

Yours faithfully

Kelvin Thomson MP
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