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Dear Prime Minister,

Prominent human rights defender and advocate Nguyen Thuy Hanh was arrested on 7 April 2021 and charged under Article 117 of the Criminal Code for "opposing the State of the Socialist Republic of Viet Nam", carrying a potential prison sentence of up to 20 years. Nguyen Thuy Hanh, through the organization she founded, the 50K Fund, has provided essential humanitarian support to countless unjustly detained prisoners and their families.

Nguyen Thuy Hanh has been detained for more than ten months for investigation, without access to her lawyer or visit from the family members. Before the arrest, Thuy Hanh informed the public about her mental health and decided to rest from her activism. However, neither her lawyers nor her family know anything about her current situation, leading to grave concern about her health condition and ill-treatment from the prison. Her family cannot send medicine or visit her. Moreover, there has been no announcement from the prosecution about her trial.

I urge you to take all necessary steps to end Nguyen Thuy Hanh's prosecution and ensure her immediate and unconditional release, as she is a prisoner of conscience, detained solely for peacefully exercising her human rights and carrying out vital humanitarian work. Pending her release, it is vital that she is granted access to lawyer and family, as well as to medical healthcare and medicine.

Yours sincerely,

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