

Congress of the United States
House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515-2207

Robert Lynch, Director
U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement
Detroit Field Office
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Name: Lue Yang
DOB: 01/22/1978
Alien number: A23-836-753
Country of birth: Thailand

Dear Director Lynch,

I am writing on behalf of my constituent, Mr. Lue Yang, whose I-246 application for a Stay of Deportation or Removal has been pending since September 2025. This is a time-sensitive matter, as earlier today, Mr. Yang was transported from Pine Prairie, La., to Alexandria, La., with additional indications suggesting he will be flown to Arizona tomorrow. It's my understanding that there is a removal flight from Arizona to Laos scheduled to depart this Wednesday, October 22, 2025. If Lue Yang is expected to be on that flight, I am strongly urging you to reconsider that decision.

Mr. Yang came to the United States as a refugee at one year old. He came to our country as part of the Hmong community, a group of people from Southeast Asia who were recruited by the United States government to fight a covert "Secret War" and assist with the War on Communism in Vietnam. America is the only home he has ever known.

At 19 years old, Mr. Yang was regrettably charged with Second-Degree Home Invasion. He was not an active participant in this crime, but rather in the wrong place with the wrong friends. Nonetheless, he took responsibility for his actions. Mr. Yang pleaded guilty in 1997, and his conviction resulted in serving a sentence of one year in county jail.

Mr. Yang completed the terms of his incarceration and paid all his court fines and fees, which resulted in an expungement of Mr. Yang's conviction being granted in 2018.

Since his only criminal conviction nearly three decades ago, Mr. Yang became a husband, a father of six, and service-dedicated leader in the community. He currently serves as the President of the Hmong Family Association (HFA) in Lansing, Mich., a nonprofit providing family services, community support, and education for its community members. Mr. Yang has also

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advocated tirelessly for the Hmong Special Guerrilla Units (SGU) Veterans, helping pave the way for Michigan's first-ever Hmong SGU Veterans Remembrance Day Proclamation.

I believe in law and order and that criminal illegal immigrants who pose a risk to our citizens should be removed from our country. I do not, however, believe Mr. Yang is the type of individual we intended to deport. He followed the rules and came to our country legally, and to this day, he resides in the United States legally.

Despite his lapse in judgement as a teenager nearly three decades ago, I believe Mr. Yang is of high moral character and has proved himself a positive contributor to the United States. To send him back would be to knowingly place him at risk and tear a decent man from his family and our community.

Thank you for your immediate attention and consideration of his application.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Tom Barrett". The signature is stylized, with the first name "Tom" in a simple cursive and the last name "Barrett" featuring a large, looping flourish at the end.

Tom Barrett
Member of Congress