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Honorable Senator Nguyen
1021 O Street, Suite 7130
Sacramento, CA 958144900

Subject: SCR 4 (Nguyen) Victims of Communism Day - OPPOSE

Dear Senator Nguyen,

I am writing to you on behalf of the Peace and Freedom Party of California to strongly oppose Senate Concurrent Resolution 4.

SCR 4 is based on a series of lies. It is intended as a propaganda blow against opponents of the MAGA-dominated Republican Party.

While it is not particularly productive to argue over just who caused which deaths in past wars, disturbances, and natural disasters, it should be pointed out that the false "over 100 million deaths" figure used in SCR 4 is from pro-Nazi sources, is intended to blame the deaths of victims of the Nazis on the communists and is completely discredited by actual historians. How is this figure reached? Here are a few examples. All deaths of Eastern Europeans and Germans in World War II are blamed on the Soviets (our allies in resisting Nazi aggression), instead of on the Nazis. All deaths in the resistance war against the Japanese militarist aggression in China are blamed on the Communist resistance army, instead of on the Japanese military. All deaths in the long war by the French and the USA against Vietnamese independence and unity are blamed on the communists, instead of on the invading powers.

Too many political regimes have suppressed various human rights, and this includes many with which the author of the resolution has expressed sympathy.

We suggest that instead of adopting this lie-filled resolution, the Legislature devote itself to defending the civil liberties endangered today by the allies of the author of this resolution.

Therefore, we strongly oppose SCR 4. To discuss our position on this bill please contact me at 951-675-2813 (mobile) or John Reiger at reigers@earthlink.net

Sincerely,

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