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MESSAGE: *Dear Darin,*

*Please find the copy of  
the support letter as attached.*

*Regards*  
*[Signature]*



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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Simon Crean, MP  
FEDERAL MEMBER FOR HOTHAM

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14 November 2008

Mark Sandell  
Department of Immigration and Citizenship  
Visa and Citizenship Services Branch  
ACT and Regions Office  
3 Lonsdale Street  
BRADDON ACT 2612

Dear Mr Sandell

RE: Sponsorship for Temporary Residence in Australia  
Class TE Religious Worker (subclass 428) visa

I am writing on behalf of the Khemmarangsi Buddhist Temple of Canberra of 3 Arkell Place Charnwood who would like to sponsor a Buddhist monk under the religious worker subclass 428 visa.

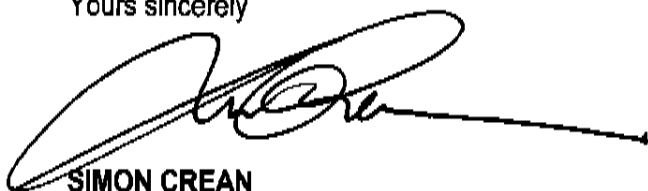
I have been informed that the Buddhist Temple of Canberra has lodged the application in June 2008 to sponsor Savoeun Vin, a Buddhist monk from Cambodia for the period of two years in order to conduct the religious activities for the community in Canberra.

The Temple is known to me through the committee members of Cambodian Buddhist community in Springvale in my electorate. The Cambodian Buddhist Monks Council of Australia and New Zealand bases in Springvale South have helped to facilitate them with the supports of the Buddhist monks and volunteers in the past.

I am informed that the Buddhist Temple of Canberra has raised considerable funds for their community in the past years. The funds will be used to provide assistance for the monk during his stay at the Temple. The monk plays a vital role in the welfare of the Cambodian community as well as contributing to a broader Australian community. His role would include conducting the religious activities during the Cambodian traditional and cultural New Year, the Ancestor Festival as well as other religious blessings at the wedding, funeral and baby shower occasions.

Given that there is an urgent need for a religious worker for the Cambodian temple in Canberra, I urge you to consider their case favourably.

Yours sincerely



**SIMON CREAN**