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We are from the Kraing Kaok and Steung Slot Communities, Neak Leung Commune, Peam Ro District, Prey Veng Province in the Kingdom of Cambodia.

We would like to thank you for your efforts to help us solve resettlement problems brought about by the Highway One Project. We would like to make clear our requests to ADB. Our requests to ADB are:

1. A grant should be given to solve our debt problem. We have already paid much money to our creditors. A few families had to sell their land to pay back their debt. Many of us still owe a lot of debt and will have to owe more before ADB implements solutions. We would like to request that a grant should be provided to cover all our debt in the past, the present, and the future (increasing by the interest) until solutions are implemented;
2. A low to zero interest loan should be given to restore our livelihood. A loan program proposed in the Livelihood Stabilization Program is still not helpful to us. We would like to request that an interest rate should be lower to zero, that a grace period should be included, and that a maturation period should be much longer, for example up to 10 years;
3. Land title should be given at no cost to all the 63 families. We were glad to hear that land title was processed for the Steung Slot Community. We would like to request that land title should also be given to the Kraing Kaok Community immediately and that the land title processing for the Steung Slot Community is completed as soon as possible. We are all the same PAPs, affected by the same project, and suffering the same. Why can we not get the land title at the same time?;
4. We would like to work closely with ADB to make sure that ADB's assistance will solve all our problems. We would like to request opportunities for our participation and information at every step. We would like to request in particular a clear schedule about when ADB makes decisions and starts its assistance to us; and
5. We would like to request that ADB should agree with our proposals above and carry them out as soon as possible. We have been suffering almost ten years and the longer ADB waits, the further we will have to suffer.

Please give your answer to us in English and Khmer.

Sincerely yours,

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