

Dear Sir/Madam,

I, DAM THI HONG NHUNG, am writing to you with a heavy heart and a profound hope that you will consider my heartfelt plea regarding my beloved son, TRUONG HUU VINH (DOB: 13/04/2015). As a mother who has been granted the privilege of permanent residency in Australia since 02/11/2022, along with my two cherished children, TRUONG DAM AN NA (DOB: 26/06/2016) and PHAM QUANG TAN (DOB: 27/11/2004), I find myself in a position where I must humbly seek your assistance.

On 22/02/2024, my son TRUONG HUU VINH was granted a Visitor visa (subclass 600), as detailed in the attached visa grant letter. With great anticipation and joy, my eldest son PHAM QUANG TAN accompanied VINH to Australia on 28/02/2024, allowing him to reunite with me and his sister after a long period of separation. The moment we embraced each other, tears of happiness and relief flowed freely, as our family was finally together again.

During his time living with his siblings in Australia, VINH has experienced a profound sense of belonging and a deep connection to his family. He has expressed a fervent desire to remain in Australia indefinitely, to grow up alongside his loving brother and sister, and to have the stability and support that only a close-knit family can provide. As a mother, it breaks my heart to think of the emotional toll that separation would have on my young son, and I am determined to do everything in my power to keep our family united.

VINH has also found great joy and excitement in the prospect of attending the same school as his sister ANNA. The welcoming and inclusive environment at Sydney Catholic Schools has already accepted and invited him to enroll in Year 3, a testament to their commitment to nurturing the potential of every child. I firmly believe that the opportunity to receive a quality education in a supportive setting, surrounded by his siblings, would have a tremendously positive impact on VINH's personal and academic growth.

However, the current condition 8503 on VINH's Visitor visa (subclass 600) stands as an obstacle to our family's unity and stability. This condition prevents me from applying for a Child visa (subclass 802) for my son while he is in Australia, effectively forcing us to endure the pain of separation once again.

It is with a heavy heart and the utmost respect that I humbly beseech you, the Department of Home Affairs, to consider waiving condition 8503 on VINH's visa. By granting this request, you would be providing me with the opportunity to lodge an application for a Child visa (subclass 802), which would enable VINH to remain with his family in Australia on a long-term basis. The bond between a mother and her child is one of the most sacred and precious in the world, and I cannot bear the thought of my son growing up apart from me and his siblings.

I must also bring to your attention that VINH's father and I have been separated for many years, and I have been solely responsible for his care and upbringing. The emotional and

psychological impact of living apart from his mother and siblings, especially at such a tender age, would be a significant disadvantage for him. I fear that the separation would hinder his emotional development and sense of security, and I am committed to providing him with the love, stability, and support that he needs to thrive.

I implore you to consider the profound impact that your decision will have on the life of a young child and the unity of a loving family. I am forever grateful for the opportunity to build a better life for my children in Australia, and I humbly ask that you extend that same opportunity to my son VINH.

Thank you for taking the time to read my heartfelt plea and for considering my request with compassion and understanding. I sincerely believe that by granting this waiver, you will be making a positive difference in the life of a child and a family who have already endured so much.

Yours faithfully,

DAM THI HONG NHUNG

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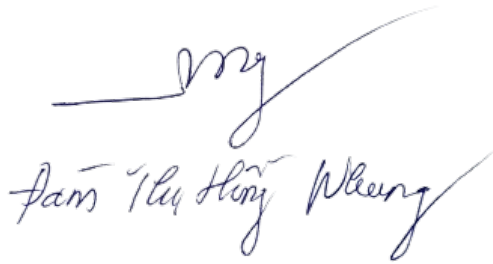
Give reasons why your circumstances are compassionate and compelling

Firstly, as a single mother who has been separated from the father of my children for many years, I have faced immense challenges in raising my children alone. Despite the difficulties, I have worked tirelessly to provide them with a stable, loving home environment. The opportunity for VINH to remain with his family in Australia is crucial for his emotional and psychological well-being. The strong bond he has formed with his siblings during his time here is a testament to the importance of family unity in a child's development. Separating them now would be extremely detrimental to VINH's emotional health and could have lasting negative effects on his overall well-being. Secondly, VINH is at a critical stage in his young life where he needs the love, guidance, and support of his mother to thrive. As a child, he is particularly vulnerable to the emotional trauma that separation from his primary caregiver can cause. The compassionate grounds for waiving condition 8503 lie in the fundamental need for a child to have a stable, nurturing environment to grow and develop. Allowing VINH to

remain with his mother and siblings in Australia would provide him with the emotional security and support he needs to flourish.

Thirdly, the exceptional circumstances surrounding VINH's education also contribute to the compelling nature of our case. The invitation from Sydney Catholic Schools to enroll VINH in Year 3 is a rare and invaluable opportunity for him to receive a high-quality education in a supportive environment. This opportunity would not only enhance his academic prospects but also foster his personal growth and development alongside his siblings. The chance for VINH to have access to such an exceptional educational opportunity is a compelling reason to waive condition 8503, as it would significantly contribute to his overall well-being and future success.

Lastly, I must emphasize that the circumstances leading to this situation were entirely beyond my control. When I applied for VINH's Visitor visa, I was unaware of the implications of condition 8503 and how it would affect our family's future. As a mother, my sole intention was to reunite with my son and provide him with the love and support he needs. The compelling nature of our case lies in the unintended consequences of this condition and the profound impact it would have on my son's life if he were forced to separate from his family.



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