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Mrs Laura Bush
The White House
Washington DC
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Dear Madam,

Thank you for taking the time to meet with us and to listen to our stories. We are very encouraged by your interest and concern for our people.

Thank you also for initiating the Women's Caucus on Burma in the US Congress. Your desire to make a difference for the people of Burma is greatly appreciated.

The Ethnic Nationalities Council is committed to restoring peace and building democracy in the Union of Burma. Therefore, we trust that you will help us to make the ethnic/constitutional issue a more integral part of the political solution in Burma.

As you are aware, we also desperately need increased humanitarian aid for the people of Burma. Any support the US can give for democratization programs and capacity building for civil society, especially in the seven ethnic states that border Bangladesh, India, China, Laos, and Thailand, would also be most welcome.

Given the complex geopolitical situation of Burma, any support the US can give to an initiative to forge a consensus amongst our neighbours to bring about a transition to democracy that includes the military, democracy advocates led by Daw Aung San Suu Kyi, and the ethnic nationalities, would also be most welcome.

Last but not least, we will be praying for you and the President. Thank you once again and we wish you every success.

Yours truly,

Dr Lian H Sakhong
General-Secretary