



February 20, 2018

The Honorable Dianne Feinstein
United States Senator
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The Honorable Kamala Harris
United States Senator
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The Honorable Nancy Pelosi
Democratic Leader
House of Representatives
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Dear Senator Feinstein, Senator Harris and House Democratic Leader Pelosi,

As your constituents and as members of the Council of Korean Americans (CKA), we urge you to denounce military action against North Korea until we have exhausted all diplomatic options. As Korean American leaders and constituents, we want you to lead your party and your chamber through this crisis point between the United States and North Korea, which could re-escalate after the 2018 PyeongChang Winter Olympics.

CKA is a national, nonpartisan, nonprofit organization of successful Korean American leaders. Our mission is to increase the voice, visibility, and influence of the Korean American community and to advance Korean American leadership everywhere, with national staff based in Washington, DC. Signatories of this letter include CEOs, lawyers, doctors, educators and national security experts.

As Americans of Korean descent, we are deeply worried that Congress, a co-equal branch of government, is not sufficiently carrying out its constitutionally required role as a check on the executive branch when it comes to dealing with North Korea. From talks of launching a “bloody nose” strike to canceling Dr. Victor Cha’s nomination to be US Ambassador to South Korea, Congress is not providing enough support to diplomacy and engagement or to the urgent need to build trust between the US and North Korea.

Since 2017, CKA has been organizing educational events across the country on the need for a diplomatic solution to North Korea. Past speakers at our Capitol Hill and public events have included former US Ambassador to South Korea Mark Lippert, former Under Secretary of State for Political Affairs Wendy Sherman, Suzanne DiMaggio of New America, and Dr. Katharine Moon of Wellesley College and Brookings Institution.

We applaud Senator Harris for signing the February 2, 2018 letter to President Trump regarding Dr. Victor Cha's nomination and the need for congressional authorization to strike North Korea. Unfortunately, Senator Feinstein did not sign that letter.

As the leader of the Democratic Party in the House of Representatives, Leader Pelosi's views on North Korea will affect views of the rank and file and the public. Right now, neither House Armed Services Committee Ranking Member Adam Smith nor House Foreign Affairs Committee Ranking Member Eliot Engel is on H.R.4837, the No Unconstitutional Strike against North Korea Act.

All foreign policy is initiated in the executive branch, but the legislative branch plays an essential role in creating a political environment that is conducive to talks with North Korea. If and when the US enters a negotiations phase with North Korea, Congress must be equipped to engage in a constructive manner.

Many Korean Americans have family members in both Koreas, understand the history and the language of the Korean people, and appreciate the US-ROK alliance as a force for good in East Asia.

We also want to see more members of Congress denounce the notion that Korean lives don't matter, as Senator Lindsey Graham has been quoted as saying in connection with his conversation with President Trump.

Therefore, on behalf of the 1.8-million strong Korean American community, we ask you to:

- 1. Meet CKA members in your district office during the next recess to hear about the Korean American community's perspective on a potential war with North Korea,**
- 2. Make a floor speech or publish an op-ed on the human cost of war with North Korea, including the impact on men and women in uniform as well as the environmental, health, and economic impacts of a nuclear war, and**
- 3. Cosponsor S.2047 (Preventing Preemptive War in North Korea Act) / H.R. 4837 (No Unconstitutional Strike Against North Korea Act).**

CKA's Director of Policy and Advocacy Jessica Lee (jessica.lee@councilka.org) will be in touch with your staff to request a member-constituent meeting at your earliest convenience.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

[electronically signed]

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