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WASHINGTON, D.C. - Today Congresswoman Anna G. Eshoo, D-Palo Alto, joined the House Commission on Divided Families. The Commission is a liaison between the United States and the Democratic People's Republic of North Korea (DPRK) and will submit names of Korean-Americans seeking to reunite with family members in North Korea whom they may not have seen for over five decades.

"This Commission could help thousands of Korean-Americans who just want to know if their relatives are alive after years of being isolated from the outside world," Eshoo said.

Millions of Korean families were separated after the division of the Korean peninsula in 1945 and the 1950-53 Korean War. North Koreans have been cut-off from the rest of the world since then without access to mail, telephone service, or international media.

Korean-Americans searching for lost loved ones through "family-reunion brokers" are often prime targets for extortion and bribery. The Commission will legitimize the process and attempt to eliminate the red tape and bureaucracy in North Korea when searching for family members.

Please contact the office of Rep. Eshoo if you would like assistance in locating family members in North Korea.

- Korean Family Unification Form.

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