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Dear Followers of Falun Gong,

As we enter into the 21st anniversary of the beginning of the persecution of the practitioners of Falun Gong, I would like to commend you for your dedication to your faith and your continued efforts to illuminate the atrocities practitioners have suffered under the Chinese government. Without your persistent efforts to highlight their struggle, the world truly would not know their plight.

With the celebration of Independence Day in the United States, we are reminded of the immortal words of our Declaration of Independence, "that all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable Rights, that among these are Life, Liberty and the pursuit of Happiness." These rights are universal and aren't reserved for the United States. They are basic to the human condition and apply equally to every person across the globe, including to the practitioners of Falun Gong and the many other religious and ethnic groups that are persecuted by the Chinese government.

As you all join to commemorate this tragic anniversary and raise awareness to this important issue, I want you to know that your outcries have not gone unnoticed and your sacrifices were not in vein. I take this matter very seriously and will continue to support the protection of the free exercise of religious beliefs without fear of persecution or discrimination in China and around the globe.

Sincerely,



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