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Maryland Falun Dafa Association
via email

Dear Friends,

I am writing today to mark 21 years since the start of the Chinese Communist Party's campaign of pressure against and persecution of Falun Gong practitioners. Your persistence in promoting freedom of thought and religion in China, despite the most challenging of circumstances, is admirable.

Religious liberty is an issue of tremendous importance. As one of the principles on which the United States of America was founded, religious tolerance has played an immense role in promoting the robust and vibrant civil society we now have. It is clear that communities benefit from a diversity of beliefs, perspectives, and opinions. Any actions to condemn or oppress those who practice Falun Gong - or any other belief system - are both morally wrong and harmful to the fabric of society.

Thank you for all of your contributions to our community. Please accept my best wishes for the Maryland Falun Dafa Association.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "David Trone".

David Trone
Member of Congress