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Dear Friends:

My warmest regards to the Falun Gong community as we reflect on the principles exemplified by practitioners: truth, compassion, and forbearance. The importance of these values is renewed as we navigate these challenging times, and I am inspired by your unshakeable commitment to human rights and religious freedom. Twenty-one years ago, China began its oppression of the Falun Gong community, and today, I stand with you in solidarity.

The dangers faced by those who practice Falun Gong in China are real. Multiple reports from independent organizations and the U.S. State Department indicate that Falun Gong face harsh religious persecution in China, including ongoing wrongful imprisonment. These practices violate human rights and must be unequivocally condemned by the international community.

I applaud your unrelenting efforts to advocate for Falun Gong practitioners in China, and I am hopeful that your fight against injustice and continued desire for peace will create change. As a member of the House Foreign Affairs Committee, please be assured that I will use my position to raise awareness on this important issue.

Sincerely,

Dean Phillips

Member of Congress