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Dear Falun Gong Practitioners,

I would like to express my continued support in your struggle against persecution and oppression by the Chinese Communist Party (CCP). I firmly believe that any person, no matter which country they reside in, has the right to practice their faith without fear of persecution from any government or nonstate actor.

As you know, for 21 years Falun Gong practitioners have been brutally oppressed by the CCP. The CCP has sought to wipe out Falun Gong practitioners through political imprisonment, torture, and the abhorrent practice of organ harvesting. Families have been torn apart and thousands have lost their lives. I stand with you in condemning the CCP for their atrocious actions that violate universally recognized human rights.

For two decades, many of you have traveled to the steps of the U.S. Capitol in Washington, D.C. to commemorate the persecution of Falun Gong practitioners. Your rallies have helped educate Americans, Members of Congress, and other U.S. government officials about the atrocities Falun Gong practitioners have faced at the hands of the CCP. Your efforts over the last two decades have pushed Members of Congress to support key legislative initiatives, like H. Res. 343, a resolution that condemned the CCP for its practice of organ harvesting from Falun Gong practitioners and other prisoners of conscience, which passed the House of Representatives in 2016.

While COVID-19 has dampened plans for a rally this summer, know that Members of Congress, like me, have not forgotten about the plight of Falun Gong. The CCP is an oppressive regime that has long tyrannized the innocent. Their persecution of Falun Gong practitioners and other religious and ethnic minorities must come to an end.

In the face of a regime that seeks to silence dissidents, I applaud your continued bravery in advocating for the Falun Gong practitioners who have been persecuted by the CCP. No person should ever live in fear of practicing their faith. It is imperative that our institutions, from Congress to the State Department to institutions of learning, understand and advocate for the necessity to respect all faiths.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Glenn Grothman".

Glenn Grothman
Member of Congress