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Ohio Falun Dafa Association

Dear Friends:

As a Commissioner on the Congressional-Executive Commission on China, I write in strong solidarity with your efforts to fight for human rights and democratic protections for minorities, religious groups, and spiritual associations in China including the Falun Gong movement. On July 20, 2020, I join liberty lovers around the world to commemorate the 21st anniversary of the Chinese Communist Party's (CCP) unjust persecution of Falun Gong and the start of its malicious campaign to oppress its practitioners.

As you well know, the CCP has a deeply concerning human rights record, which it uses to increase its power at the expense of the Chinese people. I have heard deeply troubling reports from constituents of arbitrary detentions, torture, extrajudicial killings, surveillance, and organ harvesting against the Falun Gong practitioners. I remain also troubled by the Chinese oppression of the Uyghurs, the Tibetan people, the people of Hong Kong, and other freedom defenders.

Founded in 1992 by Li Hongzhi, the Falun Gong or "Discipline of the Dharma Wheel" spiritual movement teaches the important merits of truth, meditation, compassion, and moderation. With between 7 and 20 million adherents in China and more around the world, Falun Gong members are an inspiration for all who seek liberty through nonviolence. I strongly condemn the CCP's efforts to oppress the Falun Gong movement and other minorities in China.

As Congress debated allowing China into the World Trade Organization, many argued that welcoming China into the world fold would lead to democratization. Tragically, instead we have seen more oppression and a more aggressive Chinese foreign policy that can use its new-found riches to challenge democratic nations and to oppress its people. For these reasons, I am committed to work with you and others to fight for human rights in China and to hold the CCP to account for its malign influence. We know that these democratic principles are central to our nation's security because we know a more democratic world is a more secure world. I thank you for your critical efforts and leadership to shine a light on human rights in China. Together we can fight for a more just world, and eventually a more democratic, responsible, and peaceful China.

Onward Liberty!

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Marcy Kaptur".

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