

MARK POCAN  
2ND DISTRICT, WISCONSIN

COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS  
SENIOR WHIP



10 EAST DOTY STREET, SUITE 405  
MADISON, WI 53703  
(608) 258-9800

1421 LONGWORTH HOUSE OFFICE BUILDING  
WASHINGTON, DC 20515  
(202) 225-2906

POCAN.HOUSE.GOV

UNITED STATES  
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

July 11, 2020

Dear Falun Gong practitioners and supporters:

I stand in solidarity with you to condemn the continued mistreatment of Falun Gong practitioners in mainland China.

This year marks 21 years since the People's Republic of China began targeting those who follow Falun Gong with violence and violating their human rights. The documented arbitrary detention and torture of Falun Gong practitioners must stop. Members of Falun Gong should have the ability to safely congregate in public to practice meditation. Now, they are forced to practice their beliefs in private – or not at all – due to fear of retaliation.

As a long-time advocate for religious freedom and human rights, I was proud to sponsor and support the passage in 2016 of House Resolution 343, which called on the People's Republic of China to end the state-sponsored organ harvesting and persecution of the Falun Gong community in China. Still, I remain appalled by the persistence of the Chinese government to target this peaceful tradition.

This mistreatment must end. I will continue to stand with Falun Gong practitioners and supporters across the U.S. and around the world to stop the injustices.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Mark Pocan', written over a horizontal line.

Mark Pocan  
Member of Congress