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Dear Falun Dafa:

Today I write in strong condemnation of the Chinese Communist Party's (CCP) persecution and attempted eradication of the Falun Gong (or Falun Dafa). The People's Republic of China (China) is one of the leading human rights abusers in the world, cracking down on any forms of individual or organizational freedoms. Since 1999, the CCP has ruthlessly targeted the Falun Gong and subjected its followers to inhumane treatment. I stand in strong opposition to this abuse and call for the end of this targeted persecution.

As the governing party of the Chinese government, the CCP is a communist political party based in the Maoist legacy of cultural repression and systemic violence. The goal is to centralize complete power in the state, a practice which is done through stripping a populace of religious, personal, and political freedoms to become beholden to the party. Falun Gong, as a traditional Buddhist meditation practice, has unfortunately become a primary target of one of the world's leading abusers of human rights through its peaceful attempts to achieve individual and group well-being, which runs contrary to the centralized power push of the CCP.

Since the CCP outlawed the Falun Gong, it has undergone egregious and systemic human rights violations and abuses. From murder, torture, unwarranted imprisonment, forced labor, and more, Falun Gong members have deeply suffered in China. Even more disturbing are results of the China Tribunal, which confirmed that over the course of the last 20 years, members of the Falun Gong had been subject to not just murder, but forced organ harvesting. The CCP has gone to great lengths to secure its power over the Chinese people, however these acts are criminal, inhumane, and nothing short of torture and human rights abuse. I stand in complete opposition to the targeting of the Falun Gong and the sufferings its people have witnessed.

The resolve, bravery, and commitment of Chinese Falun Gong members to the three core principles of truthfulness, benevolence, and forbearance despite the danger it places one in is the genuine mark of a freedom loving group. From protesting against the Chinese government in Beijing in 1999 to maintaining their beliefs in the face of the resulting human rights violations, the strength of the Falun Gong people in and outside of China is well known and heard.

The world has become more aware of the human rights abuses against all walks of people in China, and the United States Government continues to lead the charge in delivering the truthful narrative of the evils of the CCP. The Chinese Falun Gong deserve freedom from persecution, as do all Chinese citizens living in fear under the oppressive power of the regime. Chinese acceptance to

the Human Rights Council, its falsified donations of COVID-19 materials to struggling nations, and investment in third world areas of the globe are a ruse to distract other nations as the CCP ruthlessly absorbs complete and brutal power within its own country. However, the United States continues to speak for the persecuted peoples of China. The suffering of the Falun Gong has not gone unnoticed, and I stand in direct opposition to this systemic persecution and call for its end.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Paul A. Gosar, D.D.S.". The signature is stylized and includes a large, triangular flourish on the left side.

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