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Dear Falun Gong Practitioners and supporters,

I would like to commend Falun Gong's discipline in its practice of moral teachings, mediation, and peace worldwide and I stand in solidarity with you in condemning the horrific mistreatment of Falun Gong practitioners in mainland China.

This year marks twenty-one years of hardship since the People's Republic of China began torturing and suppressing those who follow Falun Gong. One thing is clear: This egregious violation of human rights must stop. All individuals must have the right to safely and peaceably congregate in public and to practice meditation- members of Falun Gong are no different. Due to the fear of retaliation from the Chinese government, members of Falun Gong are forced to practice their beliefs in private-or not at all. We must continue to stand up, condemn, and oppose any nation that violates their citizens' basic and fundamental human rights.

I have always been an advocate for human rights and religious freedom. Five years ago, I was proud to cosponsor and support House Resolution 343, a resolution that called on the People's Republic of China to end their senseless attacks and persecution of the Falun Gong community in China. Its passage in the U.S. House of Representatives was a necessary action. However, I know there is much to do to help support the peaceful traditions held by the Falun Gong practitioners. I strongly condemn the Chinese government's persistent threats and violent attacks on practitioners, solely because of their peaceful and spiritual beliefs.

The injustices facing the Falun Gong must end and I will continue to stand with Falun Gong practitioners and their supporters to call on the Chinese Government to stop the mistreatment and persecution of their own people.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Wm. Lacy Clay".

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