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To the Falun Dafa Association of New England:

I am proud to lend my voice to support the practitioners of Falun Gong and condemn the continued persecution they face in China.

During my service in the Senate, I have consistently voiced my opposition to the Chinese government's record on democracy and human rights. The oppression that Falun Gong practitioners face puts China's actions on stark display, and in both the 115th and 116th Congresses I have cosponsored Senate resolutions expressing solidarity with Falun Gong practitioners and their families who have lost lives, freedoms, and other rights for adherence to their beliefs and practices.

Having served for a time as Ranking Member of the Congressional Executive Commission on China, I have stressed the need to call on the Chinese government to guarantee freedom of religion to all religious communities. I will continue to press the Communist Party of China to end its persecution of Falun Gong practitioners and release any who have been imprisoned for pursuing their beliefs, and to urge actions by the government of the United States to highlight and punish human rights abuses perpetrated by China.

Thank you again for your continued advocacy for the fundamental rights of the millions of Falun Gong practitioners in China and throughout the world.

Sincerely,



Susan M. Collins
United States Senator