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U.S. Senator Kirsten Gillibrand

478 Russell Building

Washington, DC 20510

Dear Senator Gillibrand:

I’d like to tell you about a remarkable young woman who lives in Middletown, New York.

Her name is Grace Chen. She’s 16 years old. For the past two years, she’s been enrolled in a rigorous academic and arts curriculum and studying to become a classical musician. Now, she’s doing it on her own because both of her parents were recently unlawfully detained in China for their faith.

Grace’s parents, Mr. Yang Chen and Mrs. Zhimin Cao, are both practitioners of Falun Gong – a Buddhist-based spiritual practice that involves meditation and living by the principles of Truthfulness, Compassion, and Forbearance. Falun Gong was widely popular across China in the 1990s. However, after the Chinese Communist Party (CCP) conducted a survey and found that 70-100 million people were practicing Falun Gong, it launched a nationwide campaign to eliminate the practice. Millions have been detained, with many tortured or killed. Untold numbers have also been killed in the CCP’s macabre organ harvesting industry that murders prisoners of conscience and sells their vital organs for profit.

Right now, we all fear for the safety of Grace’s parents.

Many of Grace’s classmates have written letters to Grace’s parents in China to let them know they are not alone. They hope these letters also send a message to the detention guards that they are being watched. More and more people in her community are mobilizing to help. Here is a website for the campaign to rescue Grace’s parents: <https://faluninfo.net/SaveThemForGrace>

I am writing to ask if you could contact the Chinese Embassy in Washington DC and/or the consulate here in New York, and make it clear, in no uncertain terms that, on behalf of concerned citizens throughout your state, you demand that Grace’s parents be set free, and no longer be subject to illegal harassment, detention, and abuse.

I eagerly await your response.

Sincerely,

[your name]

[your address]