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I welcome you to this year's rally in support of ending the Chinese Communist Party's (CCP) persecution of the Falun Gong. After the CCP banned the practice of Falun Gong 24 years ago, practitioners of this faith have been horrifically persecuted simply because their beliefs differ from those of the CCP. Because the CCP fears what it cannot control, it resorts to aggressive repression with the goal of marginalizing opposition and abolishing dissent.

I would like to congratulate you on what you have been able to achieve thus far in your fight for religious freedom. Your struggle continues to inspire all who respect freedom of religion, and, as I have said before, you have given hope and encouragement not only to Falun Gong practitioners who remain persecuted, but also to all other oppressed religious and ethnic groups around the world.

Your experience is a perfect example as to why the United States must continue to be a leader in ending violence and tragic abuses of human rights, and condemn those who violate international law. Protecting and advancing religious freedom is an essential component of U.S. foreign policy, and we must use our influence to support those who advocate this fundamental tenet. The CCP should immediately end its persecution of Falun Gong practitioners and other religious and ethnic groups, and allow them to freely practice their beliefs.

I wish you all success as you rally to protect the Falun Gong's religious freedoms.

Sincerely,



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