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Dear Falun Gong Practitioners and Supporters:

As you rally in Washington, D.C. this week, I would like to express my sincerest support in your struggle against persecution and oppression by the Chinese Communist Party (CCP). I firmly believe that any person, no matter which country they reside in, has the right to practice their faith without fear of persecution from any government or nonstate actor.

We are lucky to live in a land that rightfully affords all people the freedom and ability to live a life in accordance with their religion or spiritual practice. The United States of America serves as a beacon of light for persecuted religious minorities across the globe. It is our duty to stand with the persecuted and do all we can to protect their inalienable right to practice their faith.

For 23 years, the CCP has sought to wipe out Falun Gong practitioners through political imprisonment, torture, and the abhorrent practice of organ harvesting. Families have been torn apart and many have lost their lives. I stand with you in condemning the CCP for these atrocious actions that violate universally recognized human rights.

Your rally here in Washington serves as an opportunity to educate Americans, Members of Congress, and U.S. government officials about the atrocities Falun Gong practitioners have faced at the hands of the CCP and garner their support in your fight against persecution. Furthermore, it serves to urge Members of Congress to continue to support legislative efforts that encourage the CCP to cease its oppression of Falun Gong practitioners.

In the face of a regime that seeks to silence dissidents, I applaud your bravery in voicing the persecution Falun Gong practitioners have experienced by the CCP. No person should ever live in fear of practicing their faith. It is imperative that our institutions, from Congress to the State Department to institutions of learning, understand and advocate for the necessity to respect all faiths.

Sincerely,

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Member of Congress