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I welcome you to this year's rally in support of ending the Chinese Communist Party's (CCP) persecution of Falun Gong. As you are sadly aware, 23 years ago today, the Chinese Communist Party banned the practice of Falun Gong within China, and since then, Falun Gong practitioners have been tragically persecuted for simply practicing their faith.

Your struggle for religious freedom has been nothing short of inspirational to those around the world who respect freedom of religion. From underground printing houses and innovative and robust internet freedom software, to media outlets that broadcast uncensored information, you have given hope and encouragement not only to Falun Gong practitioners who are still persecuted, but also to other oppressed religious groups around the world.

The United States must continue to press for an end to violence and tragic abuses of human rights and condemn those who violate international law. In addition, I believe religious freedom is an essential element in U.S. foreign policy, and that we must use our influence to support those who advocate respect for freedom of religion.

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

Sincerely,



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