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Dear Friends:

Twenty-three years ago, thousands of peaceful Falun Gong practitioners were abruptly and brutally detained in the Chinese Communist Party's effort to eradicate the Falun Gong practice. Today, we solemnly remember the countless souls who were lost in that hateful campaign, as well as the many more who have tragically been subjected to horrific abuse, forced labor, torture, and worse in the years since.

The ability to freely and peacefully practice one's faith is a fundamental right that belongs to all individuals. No government or political movement has the right to interfere in another's peaceful worship. Sadly, the Chinese Communist Party has no regard for the dignity and rights of the people it claims to represent, as has been proven through the persecution of Falun Gong practitioners, as well as its genocide against Uyghur Muslims and other ethnic groups.

I once again join your call for Beijing to put an end to all religious persecution, immediately lift the ban on Falun Gong practice, and release all Falun Gong practitioners imprisoned for their beliefs. I reaffirm my commitment to do all I can in the United States Congress to ensure that those responsible for these abuses are held accountable.

While we recognize the significant challenges that Falun Gong practitioners have faced over the past two decades, I want to take this moment to commend you all for your courageous efforts to stand up against the Chinese Communist Party's tyranny. Your dedication to religious freedom and free expression is inspiring. I encourage you to remain steadfast in your efforts, and know that I stand with you.

Sincerely,



Marco Rubio
U.S. Senator