April 20, 2023

The Honorable Chuck Schumer

322 Hard Senate Office Building

Washington, DC 20510

Dear Senator Schumer,

In 2019, your office mailed one very important letter to a family in Port Jervis. Four years later, we regret to inform you that the family is experiencing immense heartbreak as their mother is being persecuted in China for practicing Falun Gong.

Your constituents Steven Wang and Lydia Wang are the youngest siblings of four. Steven Wang is a principal dancer, with 15 years of experience, at Shen Yun Performing Arts. His sister Lydia is a tailor with Shen Yun’s costume department. They are U.S. citizens, but their mother, Mrs. Aihua Liu, still lives in China.

On March 10, 2023, Mrs. Aihua Liu was sentenced to four years for distributing flyers about the persecution of Falun Gong in Changsha, China. This is the 11th time that their mother has been detained by Chinese authorities since the Chinese Communist Party (CCP) launched its campaign to eradicate Falun Gong in 1999. In 2009, their father passed away due to severe health deterioration following the torture during his detention. From 2001 – 2011, Mrs. Liu has been arrested 8 times. In 2012, she was sentenced to four years of prison. After her release in 2016, she was arrested again in 2017 and sentenced to three years.

Steven and Lydia’s parents are 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 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 their mother.

Over 3,000 sympathetic individuals have signed Mrs. Liu’s Change.org petition. More and more people in their community are mobilizing to help. Here is their official rescue campaign: <https://faluninfo.net/mother-of-steven-wang/>

We are writing to request Sen. Schumer’s office to urge the U.S. Embassy in Beijing and/or the U.S. Department of State to release a statement regarding Mrs. Aihua Liu’s case with Chinese counterparts in future meetings and call for her immediate release, on behalf of concerned citizens throughout New York. We hope Steven and Lydia’s mother will be set free, and no longer be subject to further illegal harassment, detention, and abuse.

Thank you again for your previous support for Aihua Liu’s family, and for championing human rights. We are fortunate and grateful for your continuing solidarity with the Falun Gong community.

Sincerely,

[your name]

[your address]