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Members of the Southern Falun Dafa Association,

Safeguarding human rights must always be a crucial factor guiding U.S. policy. After the atrocities of the Second World War and the Holocaust over seventy years ago, the United States set out to work toward a better future. After defeating Nazism, our country fought to halt the spread of totalitarian communism. In 1975, President Gerald Ford signed the Helsinki Accords, which enshrined "respect for human rights and fundamental freedoms, including the freedom of thought, conscience, religion or belief."

Today, the Chinese Communist Party commits vile human rights abuses against the Falun Gong, and we must all speak out against these atrocities. According to numerous reports, Falun Gong prisoners of conscience are killed to supply the black market in human organs. This is beyond unacceptable. The United States must stand up against such abuses and for the human rights of the Falun Gong. In 2014, the House Foreign Affairs Committee adopted H.Res. 281, which condemned the practice of harvesting organs from political prisoners, with special emphasis on the Falun Gong, and called for a State Department investigation into organ transplant practices in China.

I will continue to monitor this situation and stay abreast of any legislation addressing the rights of the Falun Gong in China. I am committed to the fight for human rights around the world and will speak out against the political persecution of ethnic and religious minorities wherever it may occur. It is the duty of the United States to stand boldly against oppression and to defend the rights of the oppressed.

Never Forget,

Dan Crenshaw Member of Congress