



**Congress of the United States**  
**House of Representatives**  
**Washington, DC 20515**

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Falun Dafa Association of New England  
102 Wells Street  
North Berwick, Maine 03906

Dear Friends:

Shen Yun Performing Arts has been seen at the best international stages, and it is an honor to now have them perform here in Maine. This performance goes beyond simple entertainment to show us a celebration of human dignity, virtue and spirit through Chinese classical dance and music. The many dedicated dancers, choreographers, musicians, vocalists and backdrop artists bring us one of the most comprehensive and inspiring Chinese culture shows in the world, and a reminder of the long tradition of Chinese fine art.

The importance of art for our culture cannot be overstated. The Shen Yun Performing Arts show is a testimony to the lasting power of the arts; specifically of the resiliency and power of traditional Chinese dance, which came so close to disappearing forever.

As the inaugural Portland production of Shen Yun Performing Arts, this is an exciting opportunity for Mainers to experience one of the finest aspects of Chinese culture. Their appearance here would not have been possible without the Falun Dafa Association of New England, whose hard work has made this concert a reality and has provided us with this memorable experience.

Warmest Regards,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Michael H. Michaud".

Michael H. Michaud  
Member of Congress