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Hon. François-Philippe Champagne, MP Minister of Foreign Affairs House of Commons Ottawa, Ontario K1A 0A6

Dear Minister Champagne,

I write to offer my support for sanctioning individuals within the Chinese Communist Party who have committed human rights violations against Falun Gong practitioners under the Justice for Victims of Corrupt Foreign Officials Act (Sergei Magnitsky Law).

The Chinese government has targeted Falun Gong practitioners for years, routinely using extralegal coercive measures including propaganda, a program of enforced ideological conversion and re-education, arbitrary arrests, forced labor, and physical torture. Shockingly, we have also been made aware of the systematic execution and harvesting of organs from Chinese Falun Gong prisoners — a horror tens of thousands of these prisoners of conscience have faced to supply the lucrative trade in human organs and cadavers.

These measures against Falun Gong members and other religious minorities violate China's own Constitution, which guarantees religious freedom. They also breach China's pledges to adhere to the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights, and the UN Convention on the Rights of the Child.

The preamble to the Sergei Magnitsky Law affirms that "human rights and the rule of law are integral to international law" and recognizes that "all violators of internationally recognized human rights should be treated and sanctioned equally throughout the world".

Given Canada's reputation as a global human rights advocate, I ask that you act by finally sanctioning the Chinese officials complicit in these egregious human rights violations. Sanctioning these individuals would send a clear message that Canada will not stand idly by while China attacks values we hold dear, including freedom of conscience, religion, thought, belief, opinion, and expression.



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76 PTH 12 N Steinbach (Manitoba) R5G 1T4 Tél.: 204-326-9889 Téléc.: 204-346-9874 ted.falk.c1@parl.gc.ca The Falun Dafa Association of Canada has provided your office with a list of 14 Chinese officials, along with pages of evidence outlining their crimes and human rights violations, to be considered for sanctioning.

I offer my full support for your swift action on this matter.

Sincerely,

Teg Falk

Member of Parliament for Provencher