

House Memorial

A memorial to the President and Congress of the United States, urging the President and Congress to condemn the People's Republic of China for its practice of forcibly removing human organs for transplant and to pass and adopt certain punitive legislation and measures against China for such violation of human rights.

WHEREAS, for nearly two decades, the communist regime of the People's Republic of China has been engaged in the vile practice of forcibly removing human organs for transplant, and

WHEREAS, on June 17, 2019, the Independent Tribunal Into Forced Organ Harvesting from Prisoners of Conscience in China released its final judgment containing the finding that China's communist regime has for decades practiced systematic forced organ removal from prisoners of conscience, including Falun Gong practitioners, Tibetan Buddhists, House Church Christians, and the Uyghurs, and

WHEREAS, China has welcomed an influx of transplant tourism whereby individuals who are critically in need of transplants pay thousands of dollars for one of the 60,000 to 90,000 transplant surgeries conducted each year, with the number of transplants far exceeding the number of voluntary organ donations in the country, and

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26 WHEREAS, while a patient in the United States is typically  
27 placed on a waiting list for the transplant of an organ, which  
28 may not be available for months, Chinese hospitals are able to  
29 schedule transplants of major organs within 2 weeks, suggesting  
30 nefarious foreknowledge regarding the circumstances surrounding  
31 the donation of these organs, and

32 WHEREAS, in July 1999, the Chinese Communist Party launched  
33 an intensive, nationwide persecution of Falun Gong, a spiritual  
34 practice centered on the values of truthfulness, compassion, and  
35 tolerance, and

36 WHEREAS, in 2015, Freedom House, a nonprofit,  
37 nongovernmental organization, reported that Falun Gong  
38 practitioners are the primary victims of forced organ removal  
39 and face an elevated risk of dying or being killed while  
40 imprisoned, and

41 WHEREAS, on July 20, 2020, former Secretary of State  
42 Michael R. Pompeo denounced 21 years of persecution of Falun  
43 Gong practitioners by China's communist regime, and

44 WHEREAS, the United Nations Committee Against Torture and  
45 the Special Rapporteur on Torture and Other Cruel, Inhuman or  
46 Degrading Treatment or Punishment have called on the Chinese  
47 government to account for the sources of organs used in its  
48 transplant practices, and

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49 WHEREAS, several organizations have called for the  
 50 imposition of sanctions on Chinese medical authorities for  
 51 China's transplant practices, and

52 WHEREAS, the parliaments of Canada and the European Union,  
 53 as well as the United States House of Representatives Committee  
 54 on Foreign Affairs, have adopted resolutions condemning organ  
 55 harvesting from prisoners of conscience, and

56 WHEREAS, it is imperative to join the international outcry  
 57 against this major violation of human rights by the People's  
 58 Republic of China, NOW, THEREFORE,

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 60 Be It Resolved by the Legislature of the State of Florida:

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 62 That the President and Congress of the United States are  
 63 urged to condemn the People's Republic of China for its practice  
 64 of forcibly removing human organs for transplant and to pass  
 65 legislation and adopt measures that prohibit collaboration  
 66 between United States medical and pharmaceutical companies and  
 67 any Chinese counterparts linked with forced organ harvesting,  
 68 that ban individuals who have participated in the unethical  
 69 removal of human tissues and organs from entering the United  
 70 States, and that provide for the prosecution of such  
 71 individuals.

72 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this memorial be  
 73 dispatched to the President of the United States, to the

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74 | President of the United States Senate, to the Speaker of the  
75 | United States House of Representatives, and to each member of  
76 | the Florida delegation to the United States Congress.