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To:

Re: Stop Forced Organ Harvesting Act of 2021

Dear Senator/Representative X,

We, the undersigned organizations, ask you to co-sponsor the *Stop Forced Organ Harvesting Act of 2021*, sponsored in the Senate by Sen. Tom Cotton (R-AR) and Sen. Chris Coons (D-DE) and in the House by Rep. Chris Smith (R-NJ) and Rep. Tom Suozzi (D-NY).

Forced organ harvesting and organ trafficking are interlinked crimes where organs are taken from victims through coercion or without informed consent and sold illegally. This means that patients undergoing organ transplants abroad are at-risk of receiving trafficked organs.

In many countries, impoverished people are targeted and coerced to sell an organ from which the traffickers make a significant profit. The ‘donor’ is left without medical care and with significant health risks.

In China the situation is vastly different. For years, the Chinese Communist Party (CCP) has systematically harvested the organs of prisoners of conscience, primarily Falun Gong practitioners, and there is mounting evidence of Muslim Uyghurs being targeted as well.

Since 2015, China's organ transplantation system has claimed to only source organs from voluntary donors, but evidence demonstrates that this data has been falsified.<sup>1</sup> A close examination shows that Chinese hospitals have performed at least several times more transplants than even the largest estimates of death row prisoners can account for.<sup>2</sup>

The China Tribunal,<sup>3</sup> an independent, international people's tribunal chaired by Sir Geoffrey Nice QC, lead prosecutor of Slobodan Milosevic at the International Criminal Tribunal for the Former Yugoslavia (ICTY), has concluded "*unanimously, and sure beyond reasonable doubt – that in China forced organ harvesting from prisoners of conscience has been practiced for a substantial period of time involving a very substantial number of victims.*"<sup>4</sup> The China Tribunal's judgment presents the first-ever independent legal analysis of all available evidence regarding forced organ harvesting from prisoners of conscience in China.

Multiple lines of evidence reviewed by the China Tribunal over 12 months included undercover phone calls to Chinese surgeons and officials who admitted that Falun Gong practitioners' organs are available on demand.<sup>5</sup> Other undercover calls also provided evidence that former Chinese President Jiang Zemin issued the order to harvest organs from Falun Gong practitioners.<sup>6</sup> Based on the overall collective body of evidence reviewed, the China Tribunal concluded that state sanctioned forced organ harvesting in China amounts to Crimes Against Humanity.

There is also mounting evidence that the Uyghurs are the next target for the CCP's forced organ harvesting campaign. For years, China has been engaged in a systematic campaign of persecution and oppression against Uyghurs, Kazakhs, Kyrgyz, Hui, and other Muslim ethnic groups from the Xinjiang Uyghur Autonomous Region. Up to 2 million of Xinjiang's Muslims are imprisoned in "reeducation" camps, subjected to forced labor, and recent reporting has shown that the Chinese Communist Party is also subjecting them to forced sterilization.<sup>7</sup> The CCP's persecution of the Uyghurs has grown so severe that the U.S. Holocaust Memorial Museum has recently announced that "there are reasonable grounds to believe that China is responsible for crimes against humanity."<sup>8</sup>

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<sup>1</sup> Robertson, Matthew P. "Analysis of official deceased organ donation data casts doubt on the credibility of China's organ transplant reform." *BMC Medical Ethics*, November 14, 2019.

<https://bmcmedethics.biomedcentral.com/articles/10.1186/s12910-019-0406-6>

<sup>2</sup> Matas, Kilgour and Gutmann. "Exposing China's Lucrative Organ Transplant Industry." *EndTransplantAbuse.org*. June 22, 2016. <https://endtransplantabuse.org/an-update/>

<sup>3</sup> [www.chinatribunal.com](http://www.chinatribunal.com)

<sup>4</sup> [https://chinatribunal.com/wp-content/uploads/2020/03/ChinaTribunal\\_JUDGMENT\\_1stMarch\\_2020.pdf](https://chinatribunal.com/wp-content/uploads/2020/03/ChinaTribunal_JUDGMENT_1stMarch_2020.pdf)

<sup>5</sup> [https://chinatribunal.com/wp-content/uploads/2020/02/PhoneCallsVerification\\_AcademicCommentators\\_15May.pdf](https://chinatribunal.com/wp-content/uploads/2020/02/PhoneCallsVerification_AcademicCommentators_15May.pdf)

<sup>6</sup> <https://chinatribunal.com/wp-content/uploads/2019/08/Appendix-1-Investigation-Recording-of-Bai-Shuzhong-former-health-minister-of-the-General-Logistics-Department-of-the-People%E2%80%99s-Liberation-Army.pdf>

[https://chinatribunal.com/wp-content/uploads/2020/02/Report-on-Forensic-Examinations-of-Recordings\\_Prof-French\\_A.pdf](https://chinatribunal.com/wp-content/uploads/2020/02/Report-on-Forensic-Examinations-of-Recordings_Prof-French_A.pdf)

<sup>7</sup> Zenz, Adrian. "China's Own Documents Show Potentially Genocidal Sterilization Plans in Xinjiang." *Foreign Policy*. July 1, 2020. <https://foreignpolicy.com/2020/07/01/china-documents-uyghur-genocidal-sterilization-xinjiang/>

<sup>8</sup> "Simon-Skjodt Center Director Delivers Remarks on China's Systematic Persecution of Uyghurs." *United States Holocaust Memorial Museum*. March 6, 2020. <https://www.ushmm.org/genocide-prevention/blog/simon-skjodt-center-director-delivers-remarks-on-chinas-systematic-persecut>

According to the report: “*Organ Procurement and Extrajudicial Execution in China: A Review of the Evidence*,”<sup>9</sup> published by Matthew Robertson, China Studies Research Fellow with the Victims of Communism Memorial Foundation, former Uyghur detainees “now in exile have reported blood tests and physical examinations consistent with those necessary to establish organ health.” China is already conducting a “Physicals for All” program in Xinjiang. For the past few years, this program has collected DNA samples and other data from Uyghurs, facilitating Chinese surveillance and making it easier to identify targets for organ harvesting in Xinjiang.<sup>10</sup>

On July 20, 2020, the 21st anniversary of the CCP’s campaign to destroy Falun Gong, Secretary of State Mike Pompeo called on the CCP to “*immediately end its depraved abuse and mistreatment of Falun Gong practitioners, release those imprisoned due to their beliefs...and address the whereabouts of missing practitioners.*” Ambassador-at-Large for International Religious Freedom Sam Brownback has also asked Beijing to “*let the rest of the world see where their organs are coming from in the transplants that they’re doing.*”<sup>11</sup>

In 2021, Secretary of State Antony Blinken also announced multiple sanctions on Chinese officials for their roles in the persecution of Uyghurs and Falun Gong practitioners,<sup>12,13</sup> and the US State Department released their 2020 Report on International Religious Freedom which included reference to the China Tribunal Judgment and VOC report.<sup>14</sup>

To fight the global organ trafficking trade and to specifically address the CCP’s practice of forced organ harvesting, the *Stop Forced Organ Harvesting Act of 2021* expands the U.S. government’s powers to combat organ harvesting, imposes harsher penalties for purchasing organs, prohibits the export of organ transplant surgery devices to entities responsible for human organ trafficking, imposes sanctions on individuals and government officials in countries who support human organ trafficking and forced organ harvesting, and introduces mandatory reporting on human organ trafficking in foreign countries and on U.S. institutions which train organ transplant surgeons.

We urge you to co-sponsor the *Stop Forced Organ Harvesting Act of 2021*. The House bill [H.R.1592](#) is sponsored by Rep. Chris Smith (R-NJ) and Rep. Tom Suozzi (D-NY) and the Senate bill [S.602](#) is sponsored by Sen. Tom Cotton (R-AR) and Sen. Chris Coons (D-DE). Your support and passage of this legislation will ensure that the United States is combating and not complicit in the heinous practice of forced organ harvesting.

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<sup>9</sup> <https://victimsofcommunism.org/publication/china-organ-procurement-report-2020/>

<sup>10</sup> Wee, Sui-Lee. “China Uses DNA to Track Its People, With the Help of American Expertise.” *New York Times*, February 21, 2019. <https://www.nytimes.com/2019/02/21/business/china-xinjiang-uyghur-dna-thermo-fisher.html>

<sup>11</sup> He, Cathy. “US Lawmakers Decry Beijing’s 21-Year-Long ‘Unforgiving’ Persecution of Falun Gong.” *The Epoch Times*. July 23, 2020. [https://www.theepochtimes.com/mkt\\_app/us-lawmakers-decry-beijings-21-year-long-unforgiving-persecution-of-falun-gong\\_3430783.html](https://www.theepochtimes.com/mkt_app/us-lawmakers-decry-beijings-21-year-long-unforgiving-persecution-of-falun-gong_3430783.html)

<sup>12</sup> <https://www.state.gov/designation-of-peoples-republic-of-china-official-due-to-involvement-in-gross-violations-of-human-rights/>

<sup>13</sup> <https://home.treasury.gov/news/press-releases/jy0070>

<sup>14</sup> <https://www.state.gov/reports/2020-report-on-international-religious-freedom/china/>

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Thank you for your thoughtful consideration of this legislation.

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Alliance for Democracy in Vietnam

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Anti-China Expansion Movement

Anti-Chinese Anti-Vietnamese Communists Group

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Association of Vietnamese Former Prisoners of Conscience

Association of Vietnamese Refugees of Federal Republic Of Germany

Associations of Former Vietnamese Political Prisoners

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Bloc 8406 Vietnam

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Institute For Historic Caodai Religion  
Interfaith Council Of Vietnam  
International Institute For Vietnam  
International Organization To Preserve Human Rights  
League Of Vietnamese American Voters  
Lien Tri Temple (Saigon, Vietnam)  
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Movement For Vietnam's Freedom  
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Quang Ngai Friendship Association Of Northern California  
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The Movement Of Performing Artists And Writers For A Future Of Vietnam  
The National Women Association Of Republic Of Việt Nam  
The Viet Democratic Side's International Forum

The Vietnamese American Community Of Oklahoma City And Metropolitan Areas  
The Vietnamese Community Of Arizona  
The Vietnam-Helsinki Human Rights Committee  
Traditional Hoa Hao Buddhist Church  
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Vietnamese American Science & Technology Society  
Vietnamese American Seniors Society In Oakland – California  
Vietnamese American Unified Buddhist Church  
Vietnamese Americans For Human Rights  
Vietnamese Canadian Federation  
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Vietnamese Community In Australia - Northern Territory Chapter  
Vietnamese Community In Australia - Queensland Chapter  
Vietnamese Community In Australia - South Australia Chapter  
Vietnamese Community In Australia - Victoria Chapter  
Vietnamese Community In Australia - Western Australia Chapter  
Vietnamese Community In Australia - Wollongong Chapter  
Vietnamese Community In France  
Vietnamese Community Of Houston & Vicinities  
Vietnamese Community Of Pomona Valley  
Vietnamese Community Of Southern California  
Vietnamese Culture Club In France  
Vietnamese Democratic Socialist Party  
Vietnamese Environmental Protection Society  
Vietnamese Forums Network  
Vietnamese Literature & Poetry Organization  
Vietnamese National Support Activities Group

Vietnamese Nationalist Party  
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