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**Congress of the United States**  
**House of Representatives**  
July 16, 2008

The Honorable George W. Bush  
The President  
The White House  
Washington DC 20500

Dear Mr. President:

Last night I delivered a statement on the House floor regarding my recent trip to Beijing, China, with Representative Chris Smith. Though we embarked on the trip with open minds, we were greatly disheartened by what greeted us upon our arrival. The condition of human rights and religious freedom in China has only worsened in the run up to the 2008 Summer Olympics, which are slated to begin on August 8.

I understand that you intend to stand by your decision to attend the opening ceremonies in Beijing. I ask that you follow the example of President Reagan, who in 1988, in the midst of the Cold War, publicly called on the Soviet Union to promote religious tolerance at the Danlov Monastery in Moscow. While in Beijing for the opening ceremonies, you should deliver a public address calling on the Chinese government to release all the political and religious dissidents who languish in labor camps and prisons across China.

The people of China, and the dissidents who sit in their jail cells day-after-day, week-after-week, year-after-year should know that the president of the United States of America and the leader of the free world stands valiantly with them in their quest for liberty, and not with the repressive communist regime of China.

I know that you care deeply about the fate of the brave men and women who dare to face persecution by the Chinese government in the hope that they one day will be granted true freedom. When the eyes of the world focus on Beijing this August, I ask that you speak out for the voiceless and stand in solidarity with the true citizens of China.

Best wishes.

Sincerely,

Frank R. Wolf  
Member of Congress

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