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**Congress of the United States**  
**House of Representatives**  
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Ms. Suzanne Scholte  
President  
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Dear Ms. Scholte and Observers of North Korea Freedom Week:

I send warm greetings to the many who have gathered in Seoul to mark North Korea Freedom Week. Your cause is a noble one and worthy of the world's attention.

As you well know, the North Korean regime is among the most brutal governments in human history. Not far from where you've gathered, this totalitarian regime maintains a cruel and inhuman system of labor camps. According to the reports of independent non-governmental organizations, many thousands of political prisoners – along with up to three generations of their family members – are banished without any judicial process and imprisoned, typically for lifetime sentences of slave labor. Defector testimony, satellite images and in depth reporting have left no doubt about the camps' existence and the horrors of life there. Your commitment to shining a bright light on the reality of life in North Korea has never been more important.

The free world would be well-served to model President Ronald Reagan's approach to the Soviet Union as we seek to deal with North Korea today. Reagan spoke boldly and consistently about human rights, calling upon the Soviets to tear down the Berlin Wall, and predicting that communism would end up on the ash heap of history. His outspoken support of human dignity and liberty, as well as that of British Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher and Pope John II accelerated the demise of communism.

President Reagan's efforts were buttressed by millions of faithful people around the globe who fervently prayed for the fall of the Iron Curtain. Their prayers were answered. So, too, many of you who have gathered for North Korea Freedom Week recognize the importance of prayer in this struggle. The North Korean regime will not be there forever to oppress its people. Just like the gulags and the regimes in Nazi Germany and the Soviet Union, that preceded it, this evil empire, too, will fall. I join you in praying for that day to come.

Best wishes.

Sincerely,

Frank R. Wolf  
Member of Congress

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