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Dear Prime Minister Rt. Hon. Stephen Harper,

On your upcoming trip to China, we respectfully request that you specifically and publicly call on Xi Jinping and the Chinese communist regime to end the persecution of Falun Gong, which perpetrates crimes against humanity and remains the largest modern-day atrocity against a group of innocent people, and in addition to release the hundreds of thousands of Falun Gong prisoners of conscience—including the known 10 family members of Canadians who are imprisoned in China for their spiritual belief of Falun Gong, which teaches the universal principles of Truth-Compassion-Forbearance. (Please find the name list of the 10 family members attached.)

We were encouraged, as many were, that under your leadership the Government of Canada has raised the persecution of Falun Gong to Chinese leaders in the past few years on different occasions. Your raising this grave matter with Chinese leaders directly is an excellent way in which to demonstrate your government's commitment to religious freedom and human rights.

For over 15 years, the brutal and systematic persecution of Falun Gong has included imprisonment, torture, hate propaganda, brainwashing, murder, and even the harvesting of vital organs from incarcerated practitioners to supply a gruesome trade in human organs—along with widespread censorship and coercion to cover up the atrocities that the regime has committed. To date, the number of confirmed deaths is in the thousands, though many more are believed to have been killed, and millions of families have been torn apart.

Currently, Falun Gong practitioners are the largest group of prisoners of conscience in the world. They have numbered in the hundreds of thousands at any given time in the past decade. According to a U.N. Special Raporteur's report on torture, Falun Gong practitioners account for 66% of torture cases in China.

According to their research, David Matas and David Kilgour have concluded in the book *Bloody Harvest* that there "continues today to be large-scale organ seizures from unwilling Falun Gong practitioners, killing them in the process." It has been referred to as "a new form of evil on this planet." For the period 2000–2005 alone, Matas and Kilgour concluded that for **41,500 transplants** the only plausible explanation for sourcing was Falun Gong.

Veteran China analyst and researcher Ethan Gutmann documented in his book *The Slaughter* and also testified before the parliamentary subcommittee on international human rights last week that approximately **65,000 Falun Gong adherents may have been killed for their organs from 2000 to 2008**, and the mass killing is still continuing to take place.

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We believe the humanitarian reasons are compelling to publicly and forcefully demand the end of the persecution and killing of Falun Gong practitioners at the meeting with Xi Jinping. However, we also understand that, despite the atrocities being known to governments and widely reported by rights organizations, our leaders face pressure from the communist regime not to raise the persecution of Falun Gong. The communist party wishes to make raising this brutal persecution a choice between human rights and basic human values on the one hand, and money, trade, and commercial interests on the other hand.

The communist regime wishes our leaders to choose silence over principle. We believe that as a principled leader you deeply esteem Canadians' cherished values of freedom and human rights and you will base your actions on this priority and on critical conscience when it comes to Falun Gong. We kindly urge and remind our government to beware of the communist party's sly deception and to not fall into its trap.

### History will abandon the communist regime - please stand on the side of justice

As you said in your speech in May at the fundraising event for Canada's Memorial to Victims of Communism project: "What history has taught us is one clear thing, that the political ideologies that promise utopia lead to the opposite—hell on earth... More than 100 million souls were lost, an almost incomprehensible number."

The Chinese communist regime was responsible for 70-80 million of the lost souls and the atrocities continue today.

The rapid changes within the Chinese leadership in the past two years, the downfall of hundreds of top officials who were deeply involved in the persecution of Falun Gong, including the arrests of Bo Xilai, Li Dongsheng Zhuo Yongkang, and Xu Caihou, tell us that those who committed crimes will pay back in one way or another.

The struggle to keep organ harvesting a secret has been the hidden dynamic driving politics in the Chinese communist regime. Eventually, this will lead to a crisis the Party can't escape, and the Chinese people will choose a future for themselves that does not include the CCP.

In the meantime, Falun Gong practitioners' 15-year peaceful and unwavering resistance to the violent persecution has awakened people's conscience. Many thousands of ordinary Chinese citizens have appealed for the release of Falun Gong practitioners. Even some officials in the leadership who did not agree with the persecution when it started wish to see an end to it.

The Chinese communist regime is more vulnerable than ever at this time and feels more internal pressure from its people—with the surge of riots and protests in China (called "mass incidents" by the regime) now reportedly numbering more than 100,000 per year. Over 180 million Chinese people (current or former Communist Party members) have renounced their ties to the Chinese Communist Party and its affiliated organizations (the Youth League and Young Pioneers) online over the last nine years. Though the regime may appear strong on the surface, just as the Soviet Union once appeared, it is a Paper Tiger in reality. The CCP's collapse may also come at any moment.

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The Canadian government would be wise to engage and support the Chinese people and their rights, rather than regard as an ally the Chinese communist regime that persecutes its people and that will certainly be abandoned by history.

#### **Our request**

Mr. Prime Minster, We sincerely thank you and our government for the support you have given thus far. We submit that the discussion with China on human rights and human dignity cannot be considered full and complete without an unequivocal and publicly stated protest against the persecution of Falun Gong.

We respectfully urge you to take the opportunity of your upcoming trip to express Canada's opposition to this inhumane persecution of Falun Gong and to request the release of all those imprisoned for their belief.

We are at a very critical moment and the righteous voice from Western leaders and Western countries will have a strong impact.

Your voice will send much needed hope to all those who continue to languish in horrific conditions today in Chinese labour camps and jails.

We look forward to your continuing upright stance and actions toward China, on behalf of Canadians.

Sincerely yours,

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