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As a staunch advocate for freedom and democracy, I denounce in the strongest possible terms the CCP's relentless human rights abuses, particularly against Falun Gong practitioners. The sight of Falun Gong practitioners handing out anti-Communist Party leaflets in Hong Kong once symbolized the region's relative autonomy from Beijing. Today, this act is met with brutal repression under draconian laws meant to stifle dissent.

The CCP's legal framework, which targets so-called "*acts of secession, subversion of state power, terrorist activities, and collusion with foreign or external forces to endanger national security*," has been weaponized against Falun Gong practitioners. The regime in Beijing disgracefully labels them as an "evil cult" spreading "heretical fallacies" and controlling minds.

The CCP's campaign against Falun Gong is part of a broader strategy to crush any form of dissent and maintain its iron grip on power. The regime's abuses extend beyond Falun Gong practitioners, encompassing widespread suppression of freedom of speech, assembly, and religion. The erosion of autonomy and democratic freedoms in Hong Kong is a stark reminder of the CCP's relentless commitment to silencing opposition and spreading its authoritarian ideology.

As a defender of liberty, the CCP must be held accountable for its egregious human rights violations. We must stand in solidarity with the Falun Gong practitioners and all those who suffer under the oppressive regime in Beijing. The fight against communism and for the protection of democratic values and human rights is more crucial than ever.

Sincerely,



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