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**Congressman Stephen F. Lynch Statement for July 20, 2024, Falun Gong
Anniversary
Washington D.C.**

It is my pleasure to join with all of you, along with my Congressional colleagues, to reiterate the call for the Chinese Government to end its repression of religious minorities including Falun Gong practitioners.

This anniversary marks a particularly sad milestone: for 25 years China has been brutally and systematically persecuting Falun Gong practitioners in a brazen attempt to eradicate it. The crackdown has been relentless and utterly inhumane with reprehensible practices such as unlawful arrests, sham trials, torture, and even forced organ harvesting. There is no excuse for a government to engage in such reprehensible treatment of its own people.

I am encouraged that the House of Representatives passed by voice vote last month, the Falun Gong Protection Act; the legislation would require the United States to impose sanctions on those involved with the involuntary harvesting of organs in China and sends a clear message that such barbarity will not be tolerated. This is an important bill and I urge the United States Senate to consider and pass this legislation as soon as possible.

Today we demand, and will continue to demand, that China finally end this repression and persecution of its people.