

# United States Senate

COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN RELATIONS

WASHINGTON, DC 20510-6225

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To the Falun Dafa Association of Idaho,

I write to express my support for the people rallying today to call for an end to the Chinese Communist Party's (CCP) religious persecution of Falun Gong and its escalating crackdown on religious freedom.

Falun Gong practitioners have long been a priority target of the CCP's harassment and persecution both inside China and abroad. I commend their continuing work to publicize the CCP's violations of internationally recognized human rights and circumvent Beijing's efforts to silence its critics, often in the face of significant bullying and threats.

Such efforts to raise awareness about the CCP's heinous crimes are having an effect. Earlier this month, Idaho implemented a new law making it illegal for health insurers to cover an organ transplant or post-transplant care performed in China or any country known to have participated in forced organ harvesting.

This is a good step. I have long been a strong advocate for the protection of internationally recognized human rights in China, and I will continue to work to hold the CCP accountable for its crimes.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "J. Risch". The signature is stylized with a large, looping initial "J" and a cursive "Risch".

JAMES E. RISCH  
Ranking Member