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The Honorable Hillary Rodham Clinton
Secretary of State
Department of State
2201 C Street NW
Washington, D.C. 20520

Dear Madame Secretary:

I would like to urge the State Department to release any information it may have that relates to organ transplant abuses in China against the Falun Gong, including any documentation that former Deputy Mayor of Chongqing, Wang Lijun may have provided to our Consulate in Chengdu.

As you know, organ transplantation is one of the great advances in modern medicine. When performed ethically and humanely, transplantation saves lives; however, its success depends on the availability of compatible organs. I believe that the shortage of donated organs has contributed to the rise of unethical organ procurement practices and gruesome human rights violations in the People's Republic of China.

China does not have an effective voluntary organ donation system, yet it performs the second-highest number of transplants in the world; hospitals promise wait times of less than one month for vital organs. Since 2005, persistent and credible allegations have emerged that Chinese medical professionals and security agencies collaborate to harvest forcibly the organs of prisoners, particularly Falun Gong followers.

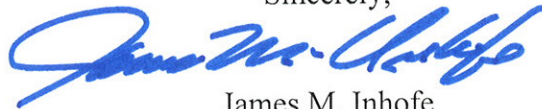
According to the State Department's 2011 Country Reports on Human Rights Practices, thousands of Falun Gong practitioners are estimated to be held extralegally in prisons and labor camps. While in custody, many of them are allegedly subject to medical exams—including blood and urine tests—intended to assess their candidacy for organ harvesting. The number of organ transplant operations in China increased significantly after 2000, corresponding with the onset of the persecution of Falun Gong. This increase does not appear to be attributable either to an overall increase in the number of death row inmates or to an increase in voluntary organ donations. Moreover, several Chinese hospitals have admitted to undercover investigators that they use the organs of Falun Gong practitioners in transplant procedures.

In February, Wang Lijun, the Deputy Mayor of Chongqing overseeing public security, spent over 24 hours at the US Consulate in Chengdu. It was reported in the July/August 2012 issue of World Affairs Journal that Wang Lijun may have been personally involved in these horrific

organ harvesting practices on living prisoners in China. It is believed that Wang Lijun may have divulged information about the harvesting of organs from still living Falun Gong practitioners to U.S. consular officials. If such evidence exists, I ask that you share it with me so that we can work together to stop such abominable abuses.

Thank you for your attention to this human rights matter. I look forward to your reply.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "James M. Inhofe". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "James" being the most prominent.

James M. Inhofe
United States Senator