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Dear Friend,

I hope this issue finds you healthy and safe. We had a busy summer and fall season at ICT, continuing our work to support the Tibetan people and His Holiness the Dalai Lama's vision for peace.

We are so grateful that this issue of *Tibet Watch* has been underwritten by the Italian Buddhist Union (UBI), an organization dedicated to representing Buddhism in Italy and to supporting humanitarian projects. Our main themes in these pages—religion and the environment—are two of UBI's principle concerns.

As we go to print, we have recently concluded another successful Tibet Lobby Day, held in a virtual format this year. Lobby Day is a crucial annual opportunity to make our voices heard on Capitol Hill, and this year's event was again a reminder of the strength of our community. We were honored to arrange more than 75 meetings between Tibet supporters and Congress members and their staff. Turn to page 6 for more details on this year's Tibet Lobby Day.

Our feature story in this issue makes clear why advocacy work like Tibet Lobby Day is so very crucial at this time. On pages 4-5, you'll read how religious freedom is under attack in Tibet on a daily basis. Part of our mission at ICT is to shine a spotlight on these human rights violations and bring them to the world's attention, even as China works to justify or cover up its crimes. With your support, we can continue to raise this and other pressing issues with US lawmakers—and make efforts for an American response that supports the interests of our Tibetan brothers and sisters, including through possible legislation.

I am appreciative as always for your engagement in our cause. We were so moved by the overwhelming response from supporters to our request for wishes of peace made in honor of His Holiness' 86th birthday in July. On page 7, you can see a selection of the wishes we received from members and forwarded on to His Holiness in Dharamsala, as well as greetings posted to social media by world leaders.

In response, we received a reply from His Holiness' office expressing thanks for "encouraging [him] to live long" and reporting that he is in good health and expects to live for many more years to come.

Also in these pages you will find news of Secretary of State Blinken's meeting with representatives of His Holiness the Dalai Lama (page 8); details on a recent Tibet Talk featuring ICT leadership on both sides of the Atlantic (page 9); and *In Memoriam* tributes to two ICT members who made lasting impacts on our work (page 10).

I hope you will lend your voice to the petition on page 11, asking those in power to push back against the 2022 Winter Olympics in Beijing. China's human rights record makes it undeserving of the privilege of hosting the Olympics, and holding the CCP accountable is a must.

As this year draws to a close, I thank you for your ongoing commitment to the Tibetan people and your willingness to make the preservation of our ancient culture a priority in your life. All our victories for Tibet are thanks to people of conscience like you who raise your voice and take a stand.

We also send sincere thanks to UBI for their support of this issue and ICT's work!

With Tashi Delek and gratitude,



Bhuchung K. Tsering



# THE STRUGGLE FOR RELIGIOUS FREEDOM IN TIBET

**THE REPRESSIVE RULE OF THE CHINESE GOVERNMENT MEANS THAT TIBETAN BUDDHISM IS UNDER DIRECT AND CONSTANT PERSECUTION—AND HAS BEEN FOR MORE THAN 70 YEARS OF OCCUPATION.**



Photo: Olivier Adam

Ongoing reports of arresting Tibetans for simply owning photos of the Dalai Lama, expelling monks and nuns from their religious institutions, and preventing school-children from taking part in religious activities make clear that the right to practice their religion is a continuous struggle for Tibetans.

Those who seek to study Buddhism endure intrusive security measures in monasteries that operate under heavy-handed Chinese restrictions. Their numbers are limited, their movements are tracked, and their attempts to practice their faith are interrupted by China's attempts at political brainwashing in the form of "patriotic education."

Not only that—the Chinese Communist Party claims it has the sole right to identify the next Dalai Lama, overruling the traditional religious leadership of the Tibetan Buddhist community.

Almost 25 years ago, the 11th Panchen Lama, Gedhun Choekyi Nyima, was forcibly disappeared by the Chinese government at the age of six and has never been seen since. Previous Panchen Lamas have been great religious scholars and leaders for the Tibetan people, and they have traditionally played a role in identifying future Dalai Lamas. But in a severe violation of religious freedom, Chinese authorities put their own impostor Panchen Lama in place as part of their continuing efforts to control Tibet and undermine Tibetan Buddhism.

These tactics mean that freedom of religion in Tibet is virtually nonexistent, and that the very survival of Tibet's unique cultural and religious heritage is at stake.



## THE DALAI LAMA'S STANCE

During the International Religious Freedom Summit held this summer, in a special video message, His Holiness the Dalai Lama defended religious freedom as freedom of thought while calling for an end to religious conflict. His Holiness focused on the values different religions hold in common and on the sameness of people around the world, no matter their religion.

"We human beings, unlike other animals, we have this very sharp intelligence and also have the ability to visualize a long future," he said. "So in that respect, the various different religious traditions develop. So religious freedom is actually in a way the freedom of our thought."

Despite China's oppressive policies, His Holiness has remained steadfast in seeking a nonviolent, mutually beneficial solution between Tibetans and Chinese.

He said, "Our various religious traditions have different philosophies and different practices, but all carry the



same message—a message of love, forgiveness, contentment, and self-discipline. Even for those with no faith, these qualities—contentment, self-discipline and thinking more of others than yourself—are very relevant.”

“In the past, and unfortunately even today, religions have been manipulated for political reasons, or out of concern for power, leading to fighting among some of their followers. We should leave such thoughts in the past,” he added.

In an opinion piece published in *Newsweek* in July, former US Ambassador for Religious Freedom Sam Brownback, the summit co-chair, and Ngodup Tsering, the Dalai Lama’s representative to North America, declared that “China’s Relentless Persecution of Tibet Must End Now.”

Calling out China’s outrageous plan to appoint a future Dalai Lama, the authors noted that the Tibetan Policy and Support Act, which became law in late 2020, makes it official US policy that only the Dalai Lama and the Tibetan Buddhist community can decide on his succession. If Chinese officials try to interfere, they will face sanctions under the new law.



## RECENT ATTACKS ON RELIGIOUS FREEDOM

- Police reportedly arrested more than 20 Tibetans for celebrating the Dalai Lama’s 86th birthday on July 6.
- A report by Human Rights Watch in July detailed how Chinese authorities raided a monastery and village in western Tibet and arrested monks because of “evidence” found on a lost cell phone containing images of the Dalai Lama. Secret trials led to lengthy prison sentences for four monks.
- In August, Chinese authorities announced the cancellation of the annual Shoton festival, a major religious-cultural festival in Lhasa that includes a monastic ceremony with a *thangka* (Tibetan religious painting) display.

- Local authorities shut down the historic Kharmar Monastery in Gansu Province and forced the Tibetan monks and nuns to disrobe this August. Shocking video shows the human toll of their forcible removal, including one monk’s attempt to jump from the roof rather than be expelled.



## CHINA HAS DESTROYED OR DAMAGED 99% OF TIBET’S MONASTERIES

- China hosted large celebrations in Lhasa on August 19 to celebrate the 70th anniversary of its so-called “peaceful liberation of Tibet.” Held in the square in front of the Dalai Lama’s former residence, the festivities meant the Potala Palace was closed to the public along with ten major roads in the city. This event is an example of the forced “Sinicization” of the Tibetan people, giving the government control over Tibetan Buddhism and attempting to eradicate Tibetans’ unique religious and cultural identity.
- A new code of conduct for Tibetan members of the Chinese Communist Party in the Tibet Autonomous Region explicitly forbids party members from all forms of religiosity in both public and private life. Examples of explicitly forbidden conduct include wearing rosary beads or religious imagery, forwarding or liking religious materials online, and circumambulating mountains and lakes.

Party members are also required to advise relatives to downplay their religious consciousness, not set up altars or hang religious imagery in homes, and seek party approval before inviting religious personnel to conduct rituals for customary occasions such as weddings and funerals.

Since 1988, ICT has worked to help Tibetans in their peaceful struggle for democracy and human rights, including the right to religious freedom. Your support helps to preserve Tibet’s unique culture and religion, and to inform the world about China’s oppressive policies.

Thank you for your compassionate actions to help the Tibetan people—signing petitions, participating in Tibet Lobby Day, sharing news of Tibet on social media and sending donations. You are critically needed as a member of the International Campaign for Tibet as we work alongside our Tibetan brothers and sisters for their peace, justice and freedom.



## TIBET LOBBY DAY BUILDS SUPPORT FOR TIBET ACROSS US

Tibet Lobby Day 2021 was a cross-country event held September 28-29, as participants all over the United States met virtually with their Congressional offices to build crucial support for Tibet.

Tibetan Americans and other supporters of Tibet from 20 states took part, holding more than 75 meetings with members of Congress or their staff. ICT members also sent more than 4,100 petitions to Congress, encouraging increased US support for Tibet.

Lobby Day participants updated Congressional leaders on the situation in Tibet and urged them to take action to help the Tibetan people.

During the event, supporters had one main request for Members of Congress: to join a letter addressed to the future Special Coordinator for Tibetan Issues in the State Department (who, as we go to print, has yet to be appointed), laying out actions the Biden administration should take on Tibet.

The bipartisan letter lists several priorities for the Special Coordinator, including:

- Engage with the Dalai Lama and the Central Tibetan Administration
- Support the preservation of Tibet's language and culture
- Advocate for Tibetan refugees in Nepal and for Tibetan political prisoners
- Update language on Tibet's status in State Department reports by excluding historically inaccurate language about Tibet being part of China
- Push China to renew dialogue with Tibetan representatives and work in multilateral coordination with other countries to support Tibet
- Fully implement two recent laws on Tibet, the Reciprocal Access to Tibet Act of 2018 and the Tibetan Policy and Support Act of 2020

"We are delighted by the success of this year's Tibet Lobby Day," said Tencho Gyatso, Interim Vice President of ICT. Thank you to all of our members who participated in this critical day of advocacy.



## THANK YOU TO THE ITALIAN BUDDHIST UNION



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We are grateful to the Italian Buddhist Union (UBI) for sponsoring this issue of *Tibet Watch*. Founded in Milan in 1985, the UBI supports and represents the Buddhist movement in Italy. It also collaborates with non-profit organizations to support humanitarian and social projects related to human rights, the environment and social inclusivity. Learn more at [unionebuddhistaitaliana.it/en/](http://unionebuddhistaitaliana.it/en/)

## ICT MEMBERS ANSWER THE CALL TO SUPPORT COVID RELIEF FOR TIBETAN REFUGEES

We thank our members for their exceptional generosity in helping Tibetan communities in exile weather the Covid-19 crisis in India and Nepal. More than seventy-two thousand dollars in lifesaving emergency funds were donated by our community of compassion at the end of August. In cooperation with the health department of the Central Tibetan Administration, a hundred percent of funds went to emergency medical

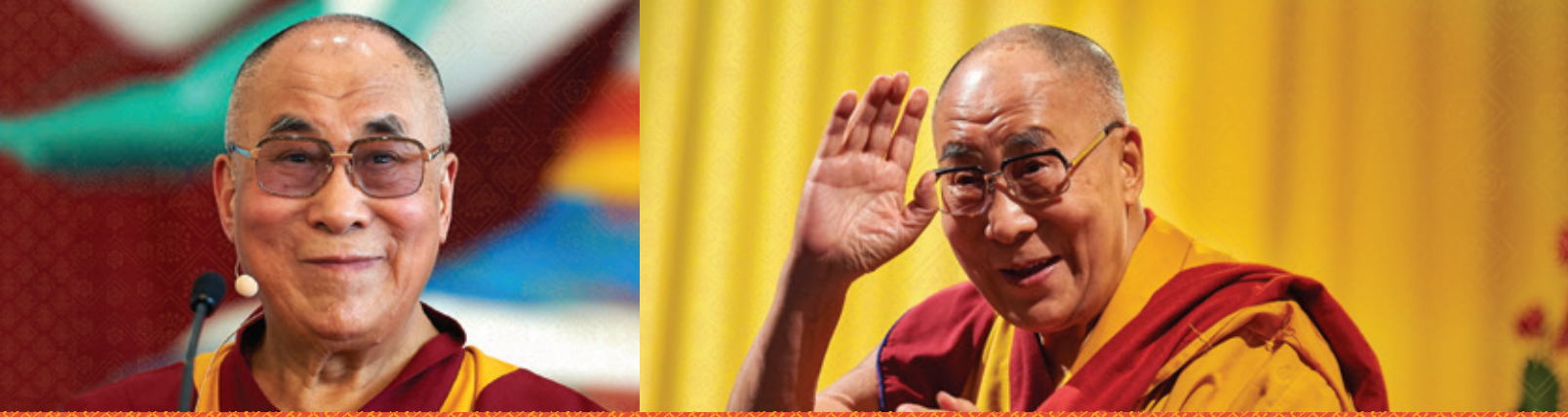


treatment, contact tracing, infection prevention and care for those suffering from Covid. Thank you for your lifesaving contribution!

### VISIT OUR NEW ICT WEB STORE

ICT has launched a brand new web store, with products including prayer flags and note cards, as well as hand-crafted face masks, tablet sleeves and tote bags by Tibetan designer Kalden Designs. Proceeds support our mission to help Tibetans in their peaceful struggle for freedom and human rights. Shop now at [savetibetstore.org](http://savetibetstore.org).



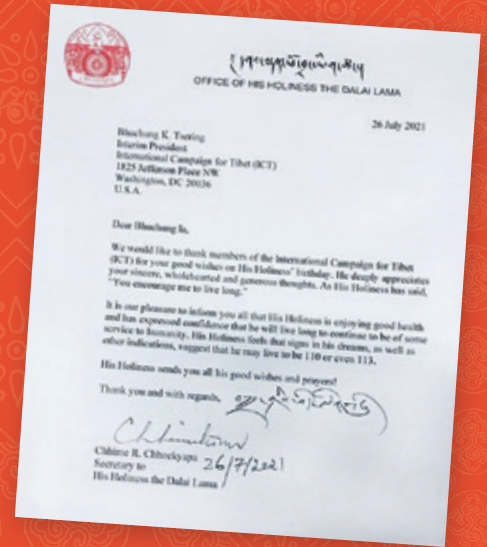


# CELEBRATING HIS HOLINESS ON HIS 86th BIRTHDAY

Each year, ICT members join together and share greetings to honor His Holiness the Dalai Lama on his birthday. This July, a remarkable 5,000 members shared wishes for peace to celebrate His Holiness' 86th birthday. Several influential political leaders posted their birthday greetings for the Dalai Lama on social media as well.

We shared your heartfelt words with the Office of His Holiness The Dalai Lama in Dharamsala, and received a touching reply.

His Holiness expressed his deep appreciation for “encouraging him to live long”—and his confidence that he may live at least another 25 years.



## WISHES FOR PEACE FROM ICT'S COMMUNITY OF COMPASSION



*“Thank you for spending your life again with us and teaching us. I am really happy to have shared your presence here in Iowa when you came to visit. You’ve taught me so much that I have passed on to my children. Another generation to carry on in a better way. Tashi Delek!” — Joseph in Iowa*

*“I met you in Dharamsala 50 years ago when I was a young man and a traveler. It was a great honor for me to meet with you in your home. Wishing you peace and good health! I want to thank you for your inspiring words and wisdom. Your leadership demonstrates to the world how important it is to practice peace and compassion.” — Alan, California*

*“There is no human embodiment on this Earth today who by merely seeing, hearing, touching brings such joy to the heart, such peace and radiant compassion to the mind as Your Holiness. May all be touched by you. May all come to embody and radiate the same love and compassion as you. May we, the living beings of this planet, never be separated from you and always be guided by you until samsara ends! Thank you and happy 86th birthday! Tashi Delek!” — Merry, Colorado*



Above Photos: Olivier Adam





Image taken at previous strategy session held early March 2020.

## HOUSE SPEAKER PELOSI HOSTS STRATEGY SESSION ON TIBET

July 28, 2021

House Speaker Nancy Pelosi (D-Calif.) brought Members of Congress together with staff and board members of the International Campaign for Tibet and other Tibet support groups for a virtual strategy meeting this summer. Discussions focused on future planning regarding American support for the people of Tibet.



## US SECRETARY OF STATE MEETS DALAI LAMA REPRESENTATIVE

July 29, 2021

In a sign of America's enduring support for Tibet, US Secretary of State Antony Blinken held an unannounced meeting with Ngodup Dongchung, representative of His Holiness the Dalai Lama, in New Delhi during his visit to India in July. ICT sees this meeting as a sign that the Biden administration is serious about working to resolve the Tibetan issue. China responded by saying that Tibetan affairs are "internal" and that China opposes contact between foreign officials and the Dalai Lama.

A US official who briefed reporters on condition of anonymity said, "The Dalai Lama obviously is a globally revered spiritual leader and so the gesture was gratefully received and appreciated." Media reports indicate that Dongchung presented Blinken with a ceremonial scarf from His Holiness.

## CHINA PRESSURED NOBEL LAUREATES TO DISINVITE DALAI LAMA

August 2, 2021

World-renowned scientists and the US State Department have condemned the Chinese government's actions after it attempted to stop the Dalai Lama from speaking at a gathering of Nobel laureates earlier this year.

More than 100 Nobel Prize winners signed a letter saying that in late March and early April, the Chinese embassy in Washington, DC called a senior official of the US National Academy of Sciences—cosponsor of the Nobel Prize Summit alongside the Nobel Foundation—and insisted they disinvite both the Dalai Lama and Taiwanese scientist Yuan T. Lee. A later email from the embassy again demanded the Dalai Lama and Lee not speak at the first-of-its-kind summit, which focused on climate change and sustainable development.



After those demands went unheeded, the summit was hit with a presumed cyberattack during its first virtual session on April 26. This was followed by another cyberattack that disrupted the entire platform on April 27, the day of the Dalai Lama's virtual remarks, which contained a unifying, peaceful message including:

*"We should pay more attention about ecology and preserve water resources. We really need a concept of oneness of 7 billion human beings. We all live on one planet. Our basic way of life is the same. So according to that reality, no longer emphasis on my nation, my country. Now we should think more of humanity."*

## TESTIMONY REVEALS PRE-TRIAL TORTURE OF TIBETAN BUSINESSMAN-PHILANTHROPIST

August 16, 2021



Newly revealed testimony from a Tibetan businessman and philanthropist who is in critical health after years of torture and imprisonment documents the horrifying abuse he received in pre-trial detention.

Dorjee Tashi, considered one of the wealthiest people in Tibet, received a life sentence in 2010. He was framed and arrested as a "secessionist" in the wake of the mass Tibetan protests in 2008. He is currently serving in the Tibet Autonomous Region (TAR) Prison No 1, col-

loquially known as Drapchi Prison, where Tibetan prisoners are known to be tortured. His wife Sonam Choe-don has not been allowed to see him since December 2019.

ICT has obtained Dorjee Tashi's testimony about the torture and ill-treatment he experienced during four months of detention in 2008. It details practices such as beatings with electric batons, being cuffed to an iron bar and hung in the air, simulation of suffocation, pouring hot chili fluid into the nostrils and sleep deprivation. The testimony is also remarkable as it identifies government officers directly responsible for carrying out acts of torture.

ICT calls for Dorjee's immediate release and an independent investigation into his reports of torture so that those responsible can be held accountable.



## ICT HOSTS *Tibet Talk* WITH WORLDWIDE LEADERSHIP

ICT hosted a special ask-me-anything edition of “Tibet Talks” on Sept. 22, 2021 with international ICT leaders including Vincent Metten, ICT’s EU policy director in Brussels; Kai Mueller, executive director of ICT Germany; Interim Vice President of ICT Tencho Gyatso and Interim President of ICT Bhuchung Tsering.

Supporters were invited to submit questions to be answered on the spot by these experts. Topics included the status of the Tibet issue in the US versus Europe; China’s escalating oppression of Tibetans; climate change on the Tibetan Plateau; the whereabouts of the Panchen Lama; opportunities to collaborate with Chinese dissidents and oppressed communities in China; the 2022 Winter Olympics in Beijing; and Western countries’ stance on China.

Speaking from Berlin, Mueller talked about the importance of holding China accountable for violations of international law and about the role of the United Nations in investigating detentions and disappearances such as two recent cases of Buddhist monks. He said that the CCP misleads the international public regarding social and economic progress in Tibet, when in fact Tibetans have no access to a legitimate justice system, free media, labor unions or civil society. Other speakers offered their insider perspectives on a wide range of queries during the hour-long discussion.



A final question addressed supporters’ interest in becoming more involved in the Tibet issue. Tsering encouraged members to “do anything you can to spread awareness of human rights issues in Tibet.” He mentioned blogs, social media, writing to representatives in government and participating in Tibet Lobby Day, all of which are helpful to the Tibetan cause.

*Tibet Talks* stream on Facebook Live and at [savetibet.org/live](http://savetibet.org/live). They are also released as a podcast available on iTunes, Spotify and Google Podcasts.

## RECENT PUBLICATIONS OF NOTE



### **SERA MONASTERY** *Jose Cabezon and Penpa Dorjee*

Cabezon and Dorjee, former Sera monks themselves, cover the history of one of Tibet’s greatest monastic institutions in this new book published by Wisdom Publications in 2019. From the founding of Sera through the Chinese invasion, and later in exile, they relate the fascinating story of a monastery that has had an incredible impact on Tibetan religion, culture, and politics. Cabezon and Dorjee participated in a Tibet Talk with ICT this summer—watch the discussion online at [savetibet.org/live](http://savetibet.org/live).



### **BUILDING A RELIGIOUS EMPIRE** *Brenton Sullivan*

Where *Sera Monastery* examines the rise of one monastery, *Building a Religious Empire: Tibetan Buddhism, Bureaucracy, and the Rise of the Gelukpa* (University of Pennsylvania Press, 2021) shows how the Geluk school of Tibetan Buddhism grew to become the dominant religious power of Inner Asia. Sullivan argues that it was the Geluk interest in institutional frameworks and standardization that helped them create a network of monasteries that “stretched from Nepal to Lake Baikal, from Beijing to the Caspian Sea.”



### **HISTORICAL DICTIONARY OF TIBET, SECOND EDITION** *John Powers and David Templeman*

The *Historical Dictionary of Tibet* (Rowman & Littlefield, 2020) is very comprehensive, very detailed and very pricey. The two-volume set carries almost 900 pages of material and costs more than \$200. Inside, you’ll find entries on Tibetan history, politics, religion, important people, prehistory and paleontology. It is tricky to recommend for casual readers—especially because the transcription method will make it difficult for those unfamiliar with Tibetan script to find particular entries—but as a thorough source of information on almost any person, place or thing in Tibetan history, it’s hard to beat.



# In Memoriam



## ICT SUPPORTER DON ROSS

We were saddened to learn of the passing of Don Ross, a devoted Tibet supporter, on July 2, 2021 after a long-term illness. A former nurse and a resident of Maryland's Eastern Shore, Don was a committed participant in Tibet Lobby Day who never missed an opportunity to ask his elected representatives to support the people of Tibet and the Dalai Lama's vision of a peaceful and compassionate world.

On a personal level, Don was always smiling, always upbeat and always hoping to make a difference. We are grateful for his years of support, and while Don was missed at this year's Tibet Lobby Day, his tireless advocacy for Tibet will not be forgotten.

We are so grateful for Don's active engagement with ICT, and his request that donations in his memory be made to our organization. Our thoughts are with his friends and family at this time.



## ICT SUPPORTER MARC LIEBERMAN

Ophthalmologist and Tibet advocate Marc Lieberman passed away on August 2, 2021 at his home in San Francisco. A leader in the Buddhist community in the Bay Area, Marc called himself a "JuBu" who brought together his Jewish faith with principles and daily practices of Buddhism. He is known for having convened an esteemed group of Jewish rabbis and scholars to meet with His Holiness the Dalai Lama both in the US and in Dharamsala.

on the Tibetan Plateau. Over the course of 20 years, he traveled to Tibet twice a year to perform surgeries. A 2006 documentary called *Visioning Tibet* details his work. Unfortunately, that work came to an end when China barred all foreign NGOs from Tibet in 2008.

We are deeply grateful for Marc's efforts to help Tibetans and are honored that he asked for any donations in his memory to be made to the International Campaign for Tibet. His legacy of fostering understanding and appreciation between religions—and of making tangible positive change in the lives of Tibetan people—will live on.

Photo: Isaac Solotaroff

In 1995, Marc founded the Tibet Vision Project, through which sight was restored to thousands of Tibetans who had developed cataracts due to the harsh UV light

## INVEST IN THE FUTURE OF THE TIBETAN PEOPLE



You can extend your legacy of compassion to include a flame of hope that shines on for the people of Tibet.

Members of the *Mandala Society* are a special group that includes the most dedicated and foresighted supporters of the International Campaign for Tibet (ICT). They help ensure the people of Tibet will have a strong, vocal and effective ally for as long as it takes for them to live free of the Chinese government's oppression.

If you are interested to learn more about creating a living legacy and joining ICT's *Mandala Society*, please reach out to Brian Ahern at 202-580-6770.



# URGENTLY CALLING ALL MEMBERS: TELL THOSE IN POWER: NO TO THE 2022 OLYMPICS IN BEIJING

## DEAR CONGRESS, THE BIDEN ADMINISTRATION AND THE INTERNATIONAL OLYMPIC COMMITTEE:

After the 2008 Olympics in China, a wave of oppression washed over Tibet, exposing the falsity of China's promises of reform.

Hosting the Olympics is an international privilege. The IOC's decision to award the 2022 Winter Olympics to China is a grave mistake that turns a blind eye to the downward spiral of human rights violations inflicted on the Tibetan people.

**Unless the IOC takes meaningful, concrete steps to hold China accountable, it is making itself complicit in those crimes. So too are the American leaders who give China a free pass to host the Olympics without demanding accountability.**

### TO MEMBERS OF CONGRESS:

I urge you to join the growing call for a diplomatic boycott of the Beijing Olympics. Please use your vote, voice and influence to publicly call on the Administration to enact such a boycott, press sponsoring media outlets and companies to rescind their financial support, and urge other nations to do so as well.

### TO THE BIDEN ADMINISTRATION:

It is your ethical responsibility to confront the PRC's blatant human rights violations in Tibet and throughout China by boycotting the 2022 Beijing Olympics. Instituting a diplomatic boycott would demonstrate to the world that the US will not tolerate crimes against humanity or reward perpetrators with recognition on the international stage.

### TO THE INTERNATIONAL OLYMPIC COMMITTEE:

I call on you to secure concrete, verifiable evidence that the Chinese government has and will cease its atrocities, or relocate the 2022 games to an alternative nation. Merely for doping violations, Russia was barred from all international sporting events for two years. Surely, mass atrocities deserve a more profound reaction from the IOC. You have an obligation and a tremendous opportunity to send a message to the world that the Olympics are about global engagement and celebration, not condoning violence and oppression.

*In the face of crimes against humanity, everyone has an ethical responsibility to confront the atrocities or become culpable. Standing up for Tibetans has nothing to do with politics or sports. It has to do with basic human rights.*

Sincerely,  
A Concerned US Citizen

Signature \_\_\_\_\_

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*Please sign and return the full page in the enclosed enveloped so that we may deliver copies of your petition to each of the addressees.*



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**His Holiness the Dalai Lama**  
speaking at a meeting of Nobel laureates. April 27, 2021.

