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— ARCHBISHOP DESMOND TUTU

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Dear Friend,

I hope this issue finds you well. As we go to print, we have just finished celebrating Losar, the Tibetan new year holiday. Losar is the time when we symbolically bid farewell to the old year and anything negative, and we welcome the new year with all auspiciousness. On that note, I am happy to share that we are already seeing positive developments with regard to Tibet in 2022.

One of these developments is the demonstrated commitment of Uzra Zeya, the new Special Coordinator for Tibetan Issues at the State Department, to supporting the people of Tibet. As you know, hers is a key position in US government that ICT has worked to see filled, with tremendous support from dedicated members like you.

In our feature story found on pages 4-5, you can learn about Special Coordinator Zeya's background and details on her first days in office—which included meeting with ICT.

The Olympics were a major focus of our work this season as we strived to raise consciousness about the International Olympic Committee's poor choice of China as the host nation. On page 6, I invite you to read about ICT's truth-telling work to publicize China's human rights atrocities and appeal to governments for diplomatic boycott of the Winter Games.

You will also find details on exciting recent Tibet Talks (page 9), and *In Memoriam* tributes to Archbishop Desmond Tutu, who was a great friend to the Dalai Lama, and Richard Blum, a tremendous advocate for Tibet (page 10).

We also share the first report of a self-immolation protest in Tibet since November 2019—that of Tibetan singer Tsewang Norbu, who was a beloved figure in popular culture (page 10).

With this news in mind, I hope you will lend your voice to the petition on page 11, urging Special Coordinator Zeya to stop China's weaponization of the Tibetan Plateau's water.

Thank you as always for your loyal support of Tibet. We are so grateful for your dedication to seeking freedom and justice for our Tibetan brothers and sisters.

Losar Tashi Delek,



Bhuchung K. Tsering



WHAT IS THE SPECIAL COORDINATOR FOR TIBETAN ISSUES RESPONSIBLE FOR?

The Special Coordinator:

- **Promotes** meaningful dialogue on Tibetan autonomy between China and the Dalai Lama or his representatives
- **Protects** the unique religious, cultural and linguistic identity of Tibetans
- **Presses** China to respect the human rights of the Tibetan people

ICT welcomed the news of
Special Coordinator Zeya's appointment.

"We anticipate that as someone familiar with the Tibetan issue, Zeya will work proactively at promoting dialogue between the Dalai Lama's envoys and the Chinese leadership, as well as at advocating for US interests in Tibet, and advancing the cause of Tibetan Americans and Tibetans around the globe."

– ICT Interim President Bhuchung K. Tsering



WELCOMING UZRA ZEYA, SPECIAL COORDINATOR FOR TIBETAN ISSUES

PRIORITIES FOR TIBET

On March 3, 2022, Zeya hosted a virtual Losar celebration at the State Department, in which she spoke about her new role and her priorities for Tibet. She was joined by Secretary of State Blinken, who also made remarks affirming US support for the Tibetan people.

Zeya shared, "I will actively promote meaningful and direct dialogue without preconditions between the government of the People's Republic of China and the Dalai Lama or his representatives, leading to a negotiated agreement on Tibet. I call on likeminded countries to join this effort and look forward to the discussions to come."

Zeya went on to outline several other priorities, including:

- **Preservation:** Noting that Tibet's culture, religion and language are at risk, Zeya said that "preservation is a key priority of the Biden-Harris administration and an all-encompassing goal of mine."
- **Climate Change and Water Security:** With Tibet's unique environment threatened by China's reckless policies, Zeya said she will work with partners to "keep Tibet in the conversation of how we respond to climate change and encourage sustainable development that respects indigenous culture while protecting the environment."

- **Access:** Although Chinese citizens travel freely in the US, Americans—especially Tibetan Americans—are rarely allowed into Tibet. As outlined in the 2018 Reciprocal Access to Tibet Act, "The United States is asking the [People's Republic of China] to reciprocate the access PRC officials and other PRC nationals enjoy here in the United States," Zeya said.

- **Transnational Repression:** "The PRC must not only cease its harassment, intimidation and surveillance of Tibetan diaspora communities in the United States and elsewhere," Zeya said, "but must stop its practice of punishing family members living in the PRC in retaliation."

UZRA ZEYA'S PAST WORK ON TIBET

In 2013, while serving as Acting Assistant Secretary of State for Democracy, Human Rights and Labor, Zeya led a US delegation that met with Chinese counterparts as part of the 18th US-China Human Rights Dialogue in Kunming, China.

After the meeting, Zeya told reporters the delegation “expressed deep

concern about China’s stepped-up attempts to silence dissent and tighten controls over Tibetans and Uyghurs, emphasizing that policies ostensibly designed to maintain stability are counterproductive when they deny Chinese citizens their universal human rights and fundamental freedoms.”

Zeya also raised with Chinese officials the case of Dhondup Wangchen, a Tibetan filmmaker whom Chinese authorities arrested and tortured after he made a documentary about China’s repression in Tibet before the 2008 Beijing Olympics.

On December 20, 2021, Secretary of State Antony Blinken announced that Uzra Zeya had been appointed Special Coordinator for Tibetan Issues at the US State Department. She also serves as the Under Secretary of State for Civilian Security, Democracy and Human Rights.

Zeya, who has decades of high-level experience in US foreign policy—including on the issue of Tibet—will now serve as the Biden administration’s point person on efforts to help resolve the Tibetan issue, promote Tibetan identity, protect Tibetan culture and heritage, and support human rights for Tibetans.

THE IMPACT OF YOUR SUPPORT

ICT’s community of compassion consistently called for the appointment of a Special Coordinator for Tibetan Issues. In March of 2021, members signed a priority petition to Secretary of State Blinken asking him to appoint a Special Coordinator without delay, also a key focus of Tibet Lobby Day in September 2021. Additionally, members gave crucial support to the passage of the Tibetan Policy and Support Act of 2020, which includes a provision requiring the Administration to name a Special Coordinator.

*Thank you for lending your support to these efforts!
You make a real difference for the people of Tibet.*

MEETINGS WITH ICT & DALAI LAMA REPRESENTATIVE



Just days after taking office, Zeya met virtually with ICT’s Interim President Bhuchung K. Tsering, Interim Vice President Tencho Gyatso and Director of Government Relations Franz Matzner.

Zeya met separately with Namgyal Choedup, the representative of His Holiness the Dalai Lama and the Central Tibetan Administration to North America. His Holiness also wrote to Zeya directly to congratulate her on her appointment and express his hope that she is able to contribute to improving the situation of the Tibetan people.

“Continued and consistent American support has been a source of great encouragement to Tibetans in our peaceful struggle for freedom and dignity. Although I have handed over political authority to an elected Tibetan leadership, I remain concerned about the survival of the Tibetan identity, our distinctive culture and heritage and the protection of Tibet’s fragile natural environment. I am pleased to see that in your first remarks, you mentioned that these will be your priorities...I remain confident that in the long term, the power of truth will prevail.”

**—HIS HOLINESS
THE 14TH DALAI LAMA**



ICT SUPPORTS WINTER OLYMPIC GAMES DIPLOMATIC BOYCOTT

After the 2008 Olympics in China, a wave of oppression washed over Tibet, exposing the falsity of China's promises of human rights reform. In the lead up to the 2022 Winter Olympics in Beijing, ICT publicized China's ongoing human rights atrocities and joined a coalition of more than 240 civil society organizations appealing to governments around the world to join a diplomatic boycott of the Games.

With the support of ICT members, a spotlight was shone on the grave mistake the International Olympic Committee made in awarding the 2022 Winter Olympics to China. We issued several urgent calls to action in the months preceding the Games, including:

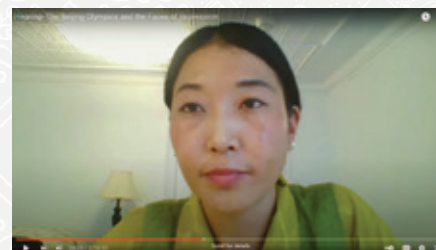
- Urging the Biden Administration to impose a US diplomatic boycott;
- Asking the US Olympic Committee to support American athletes who spoke up against Chinese violations of human rights;

- Sending an open letter and a petition to NBC, calling for the inclusion of the human rights crisis in Tibet during televised coverage of the Games;
- Encouraging spectators around the world to learn about the atrocities inside China, and take action ranging from not purchasing products made with forced labor to encouraging governments to pursue accountability for Chinese officials responsible for international crimes.

On February 3, 2022, ICT also supported a Congressional-Executive Commission on China hearing called "The Beijing Olympics and the Faces of Repression" to give a platform to voices of the abused and repressed in China, including Tibetans.



The hearing provided an opportunity for political and religious prisoners to share their stories with the world on the eve of the Winter Olympics. At the event, Tibetan Nyima Lhamo spoke movingly about her uncle, revered lama Tenzin Delek Rinpoche, who died in a Chinese prison in 2015.



Following the Games, ICT called on governments, international organizations, businesses and media to keep the Chinese government accountable—including by demanding access to Tibet, protecting the Dalai Lama's succession process and pushing for resumed dialogue.

Special thanks to ICT's community of compassion for shining a light of truth in these critical moments.

BASKETBALL STAR ENES KANTER FREEDOM SPEAKS OUT AGAINST CHINA

NBA basketball player Enes Kanter Freedom has made headlines for his vocal support of Tibetans living under Chinese oppression. In response, China has censored NBA broadcasts, and Boston Celtics games have vanished from the Chinese Internet.

In a recent Tibet Talk with ICT, Freedom spoke specifically about the Olympics: "I am telling all my athlete friends: All the gold medals in the world that you can win [are] not more important than your morals and your values and your principles." He urged his fellow athletes and others with a platform to be a voice for the voiceless.



TIBET IS RANKED LEAST FREE COUNTRY ON EARTH

Tibet is the least free country on Earth, in a tie with South Sudan and Syria, according to new rankings from the watchdog group Freedom House. In Freedom House's "Freedom in the World 2022" report, Tibet has a global freedom score of 1 out of a possible 100.

In response to the ranking, ICT said, "The world is seeing right now what happens when authoritarian governments invade their smaller neighbors ... In order to protect freedom around the globe, we have to demand it in the places that are least free."



LOSAR TASHI DELEK

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“Losar is not just the start of a new year. It means something deeper, more profound, a transition to something hopeful and inspirational.”

– Dr. Namgyal Choedup, His Holiness the Dalai Lama’s Representative to North America



On March 3, Tibetans around the world celebrated Losar—Tibetan New Year. A joyful holiday of the Himalayan region, Losar festivities traditionally last for several days as Tibetans close out the old year by saying goodbye to all that is negative and welcoming the new year by inviting all good things.

This year, Losar marks the first day of the Water Tiger Year 2149, with the strength of the tiger reflected in the resolve of Tibetans and all people of conscience striving to bring peace to the Land of Snows.



At the US State Department, Special Coordinator for Tibetan Issues Uzra Zeya hosted a virtual Losar celebration. Speakers included Secretary of

State Antony Blinken, His Holiness the Dalai Lama’s Representative to North America Dr. Namgyal Choedup and Tibetan American communities across the country.



At the event, which included music and cultural performances, US officials committed to pushing their Chinese counterparts to respect Tibetans’ rights and resume dialogue with Tibetan leadership.



Meanwhile, the newly elected Sikyong Penpa Tsering of the Central Tibetan Administration extended his new year greetings to Tibetans inside and outside Tibet. He called Tibetans “the world’s most successful refugee community”

and credited both His Holiness the Dalai Lama and the sacrifices made by those remaining inside Tibet.



Speaking from Dharamsala, His Holiness gave his new year blessing virtually and emphasized the importance of cultivating compassion this Losar. He particularly recognized and wished a peaceful holiday for those Tibetans living within the three provinces of the Land of Snows.

*ICT sends our best wishes for the new year to you and your family.
Losar Tashi Delek!*

TIBETAN ASTROLOGY: YEAR OF THE TIGER

People born in the Tiger zodiac are believed to be generous, kind, mighty and charismatic. They may also be talkative, suspicious, and contrarian, with extreme emotions.

Tibetan astrology plays an important role in the lives of Tibetans, from birth to milestones like education, career, travel, sickness, death and afterlife. One’s zodiac, or *Lothak* as it is known in Tibetan, is very significant.

Read more on ICT’s Blog:
bit.ly/AstrologyTibet

TSERING JAMPA RECEIVES KNIGHTHOOD DISTINCTION AT RETIREMENT AS EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF ICT-EUROPE

ICT-Europe Executive Director Tsering Jampa received the Knighthood in the Order of Orange-Nassau—a prestigious Dutch Royal Distinction—for her significant efforts to defend and promote the fundamental rights of the Tibetan people.

The award was presented by Sharon

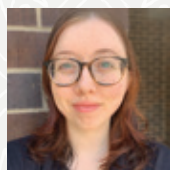
Dijksema, mayor of Utrecht, Netherlands—where Tsering currently lives—during a reception held on the occasion of Tsering’s retirement at the end of October 2021. She is the first Tibetan ever to receive this honor.

Fleeing Tibet with her parents to India at the age of 5, Tsering served as executive director of ICT-Europe from 1999 to 2021. She was responsible for nonviolent public campaigns and political advocacy to draw attention to the Chinese government’s oppression of Tibetans among the Dutch



public. In 2006, she opened an office of ICT in Brussels aimed at expanding these efforts at the European level. Her work made a substantial impact in raising awareness for the Tibet issue and bringing about change among European nations.

ICT is so grateful to Tsering Jampa for her dedicated service of more than twenty years.



ICT WELCOMES NEW TEAM MEMBER SARAH KANE

Sarah joined ICT in her role of administrative assistant this past January. A recent graduate of Duke University, Sarah studied Public Policy and History and received a certificate in Human Rights. She first learned about the Tibet issue while doing research. “Tibet stood out because of the decades-long cultural genocide being

perpetrated by the PRC government,” she said. “These efforts to wipe out a culture and religion and to dominate a region using fear of harassment, imprisonment and torture have been overlooked in light of other crises.”

Sarah shares, “I want to help support ICT’s mission to advocate for Tibetans and preserve their culture in any way possible.”

Sarah grew up in Cape Coral, FL and in her free time loves singing, reading and pop culture. *Welcome, Sarah!*

WARM WELCOME TO WANGPO TETHONG



Wangpo Tethong succeeds Tsering Jampa as ICT-Europe’s executive director. He brings broad experience and expertise to this role, including work focused on Tibet advocacy, the environment with Greenpeace and education with the International Children’s Village in Trogen. He also served on the ICT Germany board and as a member of the Tibetan Parliament.

SUPPORTERS TAKE PART IN RALLIES FOR TIBETAN UPRISING DAY 2022



ICT joined Tibetans and Tibet supporters at rallies and events around the world on March 10th for Tibetan Uprising Day 2022. The day marks the anniversary of the 1959 uprising against China’s rule in Tibet. Chinese forces eventually crushed the uprising and forced the Dalai Lama into exile. Participants at the rallies remembered all those who have stood up bravely for Tibet and have lost their lives to the cause.

ROWELL FUND FOR TIBET AWARDS 2022 GRANTS

The *Rowell Fund for Tibet’s* Board of Advisors has announced grants to fund six Tibetan-led projects in 2022 that focus on health, literature, youth engagement and the creation of a photo archive.

Grants are awarded annually—in memory of lifelong Tibet supporters Galen and Barbara Rowell—to Tibetan writers, academics, photographers and conservationists who will make a significant contribution to their community through the funded projects.

This year’s recipients include:

- The Library of Tibetan Works & Archives in Dharamsala, India, for photo archives of Tibetans in Buxar and schools in the early 1960s
- The Tibet U.S. Resettlement Project in New York for a documentary film
- A youth engagement program in Dharamsala on climate change
- The Mysore Tibetan Community Center in Mysore, Karnataka, for patient care programs
- The Bylakuppe Tibetan Settlement in Karnataka, India, for a sanitary pad disposal system
- The *Tibet Times* in Dharamsala for translation work

CONGRATULATIONS to this year’s grantees and thank you to ICT members who generously help fund these important projects.



CONVERSATIONS ABOUT TIBET WITH ENGAGING LEADERS, THINKERS, ACTIVISTS AND ARTISTS

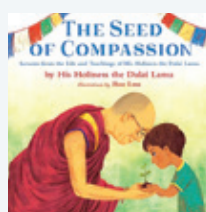
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THE OLYMPICS AND TIBET



NBA player and activist Enes Kanter Freedom and Tibetan filmmaker Dhondup Wangchen speak about the ramifications of the 2022 Beijing Winter Olympic Games for Tibet—and how the international community should respond. Freedom sent shock waves through the sports world when speaking out against China’s brutalization of the Tibetan people. Dhondup Wangchen endured years of imprisonment and torture after he made a documentary about China’s repression in Tibet leading up to the 2008 Beijing Olympics. More recently he completed a speaking tour in Europe to publicize the repression in Tibet. These experts give their view

of the Winter Games with regard to human rights. Enes also reveals how the Dalai Lama inspires him to become a better person—and how much he loves Tibetan *momos*.

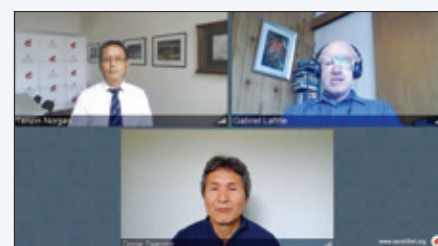


THE SEED OF COMPASSION

His Holiness the Dalai Lama recently released his first-ever children’s book, *The Seed of Compassion: Lessons from the Life and Teachings of His Holiness the Dalai Lama*. This Tibet Talk featured Namrata Tripathi, editor of *The Seed of Compassion*, and Professor Lob-sang Negi, who has spearheaded work at Emory University to bring compassion into the education system through SEE (Social, Emotional and Ethical) Learning, based on the Dalai Lama’s vision. Hear about their interactions with His Holiness in shaping these projects and about

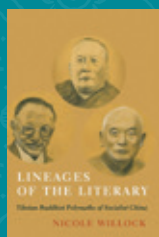
their efforts to share this message to a wider audience of youth across the globe.

DECODING THE CCP



Australia-based veteran Tibet observer Gabriel Lafitte and researcher and translator Tsering Dorje discuss language as a political tool in Tibet. Their discussion focuses on “Decoding CCP,” a glossary and analysis of CCP slogans by the Tibetan Centre for Human Rights and Democracy (who co-hosted this episode). Gabriel and Tsering provide an overview of sloganeering in China and its effects on Tibetans and the global community at large.

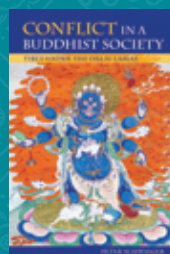
RECENT PUBLICATIONS OF NOTE



LINEAGES OF THE LITERARY Nicole Willock

After the chaos and destruction of China’s Cultural Revolution came to a close in 1976, much of Tibetan Buddhism lay in shambles, with temples and monasteries in ruins and monks and nuns forcibly expelled. With some religious masters dead and others now in exile, reestablishing Tibet’s unique religious heritage was a colossal undertaking.

In *Lineages of the Literary* we learn about three lesser known figures—Tseten Shabdrung, Muge Samten and Dungkar Losang Thrinley—who worked to rebuild Tibetan Buddhist traditions, passing on their knowledge to a younger generation. They’re referred to as the “Three Polymaths” in reference to their scholarly achievements and their dedication to preserving Tibetan Buddhism after it was pushed to the very brink.



CONFLICT IN A BUDDHIST SOCIETY: TIBET UNDER THE DALAI LAMAS Peter Schwieger

To those struck by the eye-grabbing cover of this new book, beware: *Conflict in a Buddhist Society* is a more academic tome than the wrathful depiction of Gonpo on the front might suggest. Luckily, it’s still quite interesting.

Schwieger explores how different types of social conflicts were understood and managed during the Ganden Phodrang era, in which the Dalai Lama’s Gelug school of Tibetan Buddhism reigned in central Tibet. It’s a good book for someone looking to learn a lot more about Tibet before the Chinese invasion.

In Memoriam



ARCHBISHOP DESMOND TUTU (1931-2021)



ICT is deeply saddened by the passing of Archbishop Desmond Tutu on December 26, 2021, at the age of 90.

Tutu was an icon of nonviolence and spiritual leadership who helped bring down apartheid in his homeland of South Africa and campaigned for justice around the world.

He received ICT's Light of Truth Award in 2006, which recognized his significant contributions to public understanding of Tibet. When he accepted the award, he drew on his experience dismantling South Africa's apartheid regime to appeal to the Chinese leadership.

"We used to say to the apartheid government: you may have the guns, you may have all this power, but you have already lost," Tutu said. "Come: join the winning side. His Holiness [the Dalai Lama] and the Tibetan people are on the winning side."

Tutu's death was mourned by Tibetans across the globe—including his longtime friend and fellow Nobel Peace Prize Laureate the Dalai Lama.

Like the Dalai Lama, Tutu was known for his irrepressible smile and playfulness. The two men co-authored 2016's *The Book of Joy: Lasting Happiness in a Changing World* and appeared together in an accompanying movie called *Mission: Joy*.

After Tutu's passing, the Dalai Lama sent a letter to his daughter, the Reverend Mpho Tutu. He wrote, in part:

"As you know, over the years, your father and I enjoyed an enduring friendship. The friendship and the spiritual bond between us was something we cherished. With his passing away, we have lost a great man, who lived a truly meaningful life. He was devoted to the service of others, especially those who are least fortunate. I am convinced the best tribute we can pay him and keep his spirit alive is to do as he did and constantly look to see how we too can be of help to others."

RICHARD BLUM (1936-2022)



ICT mourns the passing of Dick Blum, a longtime friend of His Holiness the Dalai Lama and the Tibetan people, on February 27, 2022.

Blum, 86, was head of Blum Capital, an equity investment management firm, and the husband of Senator Dianne Feinstein. He first met His Holiness the Dalai Lama in 1972 and was greatly inspired by him. Since then, he had played a crucial role in encouraging the Chinese government to engage in dialogue with the Dalai Lama, working closely with the late Lodi Gyari, ICT's longtime Executive Chairman. Blum and Senator Feinstein even made special trips to China carrying personal communications from His Holiness to President Jiang Zemin.

ICT awarded Blum our Light of Truth Award in 1999 for his dedication to the culture and wellbeing of the Himalayan people, including through the non-profit organization American Himalayan Foundation he founded. In 2006, he created the Richard C. Blum Center for Developing Economies at the University of California. The Dalai Lama commended the initiative, writing, "Richard Blum has been a friend of the Tibetan people for three decades. I am delighted to know our message of kindness and compassion has taken a new practical dimension by the establishment of this new center."

We send our heartfelt condolences to Dick's family and friends. His impact on the Tibetan people lives on.



SELF-IMMOLATION REPORT

Since 2009, 158 Tibetans have self-immolated in protest against the Chinese occupation of Tibet. ICT reports with sadness all those who choose this form of protest.

Popular Tibetan singer Tsewang Norbu, age 25, self-immolated in the Tibetan

capital of Lhasa on February 25, 2022, leading to his death. Sources in Lhasa told ICT that the singer attempted self-immolation in front of the iconic Potala Palace, the historical winter palace of the Dalai Lamas. Reliable sources have confirmed that he suffered extreme burns and subsequently died in a nearby hospital, and that security has been

deployed in the hospital and throughout Lhasa to keep his death a secret.

Tsewang's style of singing blended Tibetan, Chinese and Western influences, and he became well known throughout the region via reality TV singing competitions. The people of Lhasa are under heightened controls following his death.

CALLING ALL ICT MEMBERS

URGE SPECIAL COORDINATOR FOR TIBETAN ISSUES UZRA ZEYA: DON'T LET CHINA WEAPONIZE THE WATER OF THE TIBETAN PLATEAU



The mountain peaks and glacial fields of the Tibetan Plateau are the origin of the major rivers that nourish much of east and southeast Asia. But the Chinese government's massive water infrastructure projects have the potential to create conflict and insecurity throughout the region.

China has openly declared its plan to construct dozens more dams on Tibet's rivers in the decade ahead. Ultimately, these dams will grant China the ability to turn the region's water tap on and off. Compounded by food and economic instability, this could create an increasingly volatile situation for downstream

countries, allowing China to establish outsized control.

This is not speculation: China acted to cut off water in 2019 while Thailand and Cambodia experienced an unprecedented drought. Allowing the Chinese government to continue its agenda unchallenged will fuel existing border tensions and instability in the region.

The weaponization of water is also a US national security issue. If China is allowed to continue unchecked, the US government's influence in the region will be diminished, impeding its ability to partner with other major, democratic nations—further isolating Tibet, while also bestowing China increasing control, literally and diplomatically. Additionally, such a

cascade effect risks curtailing US counterweight to China's vision of a world order dominated by its brand of authoritarian rule.

Simply put, the weaponization of water is a national security front that remains untended and a risk to US interests, Tibet's future and the fate of billions of people. The US must assert leadership on water security in the region, building partnerships and defending the rights of downstream countries to thrive without fear of China's iron fist squeezing them dry.

Please sign and return the below petition, for delivery to the State Department along with those from fellow members of ICT's community of compassion.

PLEASE CLIP HERE & MAIL YOUR PETITION IN THE ENCLOSED ENVELOPE



TO: UNDERSECRETARY AND SPECIAL COORDINATOR FOR TIBETAN ISSUES UZRA ZEYA
FROM: A CONCERNED US CITIZEN

I write expressing deep concern that China's Xi Jinping regime is accelerating its openly declared plan to continue building massive water control infrastructure on the major rivers flowing from Tibet. These rivers are the lifblood of the entire region, sustaining up to two billion people. Certainly, it is part of the United States' commitment to human rights to defend peoples' access to food, water and self-determination.

The massive damming is also a clear and present danger to US national security. Allowing China to continue its agenda unchallenged risks fueling existing border conflicts and regional instability. It also risks diminishing the United States' regional influence, thus impeding its ability to partner with other major, democratic nations—further isolating Tibet, while also bestowing China increasing control, literally and diplomatically.

Simply put, China's weaponization of water demands greater US engagement in the name of human rights, national security and the fate of billions of people.

As a concerned US citizen, I urge you to elevate the importance of water security in your dealings with China, and to lead the US and its allies in a concerted strategy of engagement to protect the waters of the Tibetan Plateau.

Sincerely,

Signature _____

Name _____ State _____ Zip Code _____



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War is outdated — non-violence is the only way. We need to develop a sense of the oneness of humanity by considering other human beings as brothers and sisters. This is how we will build a more peaceful world.

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His Holiness the Dalai Lama
speaking of the need for dialogue
to restore peace in Ukraine

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