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Dear Friend,

It's been a busy fall at ICT!

You'll see in our page 4 feature story that we've been engaged in a variety of activities both at home and abroad. Staff from all four of our worldwide offices felt fortunate to converge this September for an international strategy and planning retreat at a beautiful and peaceful Buddhist institute in Tuscany, Italy thanks to a generous grant we received.

We also had two impactful trips to Dharamsala, India this summer and fall, which you can read about on page 6. During the July trip, I was able to join the State Department's Special Coordinator for Tibetan Issues Ms. Uzra Zeya's second in-person meeting with His Holiness the Dalai Lama. I also participated in the International Tibet Youth Forum, an event by the Central Tibetan Administration that brought together more than 100 Tibetan youth from 16 countries to learn and discuss ways to strengthen their advocacy for Tibet.

Back home in DC, we were happy to welcome Sikyong (President) Penpa Tsering to Washington, DC in October to meet with lawmakers and advocate in particular for the Resolve Tibet Act, a bipartisan bill that aims to pressure China's government to resume negotiations with the Dalai Lama's envoys. Our Board Chair Richard Gere graciously joined us for many of these meetings.

Elsewhere in these pages, you can read about threats to the Tibetan environment and further restrictions on religious freedom with the CCP government's announcement of a new religious affairs decree called Order 19 (page 8). I hope you'll also read about the men and women keeping Tibetan culture alive in exile (page 7) as well as recent book features and Tibet Talks where we share on a diversity of topics (page 9).

Don't miss a special Member Spotlight (page 10) with Warren Smith, author of five books on Tibet, including two released this year (which are included on page 9). Warren is a longtime ICT supporter, and we are so grateful for his expertise on Tibet and his solidarity. With great sadness, we also bid farewell to Senator Dianne Feinstein (page 10), who was a tremendous supporter of Tibet along with her husband Richard Blum.

I hope you will lend your voice to the petition on page 11, which asks your Senator to step forward to support the Tibetan people by cosponsoring The Resolve Tibet Act.

Finally, we thank the Italian Buddhist Union for their sponsorship of this issue of Tibet Watch, and for their collaboration with us in working toward freedom and self-determination for the people of Tibet.

Thank you for all you do to keep the Tibet movement strong!



In solidarity,

Tencho Gyatso

Tencho Gyatso
President

ICT AT HOME & ABROAD



At Home

TIBETAN SIKYONG MEETS US LEADERS IN WASHINGTON, ACCOMPANIED BY ICT CHAIR RICHARD GERE

The Tibetan Sikyong (President) met with Congressional leaders, Biden administration officials, local Tibetan Americans, journalists and more during a productive and busy trip to the US capital in October.

Sikyong Penpa Tsering, the democratically elected leader of the exile-based Central Tibetan Administration, visited Washington, DC October 15-20. It was his second visit this year following a February trip where members of Congress reintroduced the Promoting a Resolution to the Tibet-China Conflict Act, a bipartisan bill that will pressure China's government to resume negotiations with the Dalai Lama's envoys on a peaceful resolution to China's decades-long occupation of Tibet.

During this visit, Penpa Tsering again built support for the bill and for the Tibetan cause, calling on Senators and Representatives from both sides of the aisle.

The Sikyong also visited the State

Department for a meeting with Under Secretary of State Uzra Zeya, who serves as the US Special Coordinator for Tibetan Issues.

In many of his engagements, Penpa Tsering was joined by the Representative of His Holiness the Dalai Lama and the CTA to North America, Namgyal Choedup and other staff from the Office of Tibet. He was also accompanied by ICT Chairman Richard Gere, President Tencho Gyatso, and other ICT team members.

"This week on Capitol Hill, I expressed gratitude to our stalwart ally Speaker Emerita Nancy Pelosi & others in Congress whose support has bolstered our cause for over 6 decades," the Sikyong wrote on Instagram. "We discussed how Tibet's plight deepens every day, its history being erased from the minds of future generations."

"Amidst global chaos, Tibet remains a beacon of hope, championing mutual coexistence & dialogue. For six decades, Tibetans in Tibet have embraced truth & nonviolence. Their spirit and perseverance in the face of intensifying repression is inspiring a world riddled with violence."



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Senator Mitt Romney, Sikyong Tsering and ICT Chairman Richard Gere discuss efforts to support basic human rights in Tibet.

At Home

ANNIVERSARY OF THE DALAI LAMA'S CONGRESSIONAL GOLD MEDAL

One of the highlights of the Sikyong's week in Washington was a 16th anniversary celebration of His Holiness the Dalai Lama's Congressional Gold Medal—the nation's highest civilian honor—that was cohosted by the Office of Tibet, the Capital Area Tibetan Association and ICT, and attended by current and former members of Congress, as well as new and old friends of Tibet. Attendees included ICT Chair Richard Gere, Speaker Emerita Nancy Pelosi, Reps. Jim McGovern (D-MA), Nicole Malliotakis (R-NY), Betty McCollum (D-MN), Jan Schakowsky (D-IL), and Chris Smith (R-NJ), as well



as former Congresswoman Ileana Ros-Lehtinen.

The event became an opportunity for new and old friends to express their continued dedication to resolve the Tibet-China conflict—and to swap stories about the Dalai Lama.

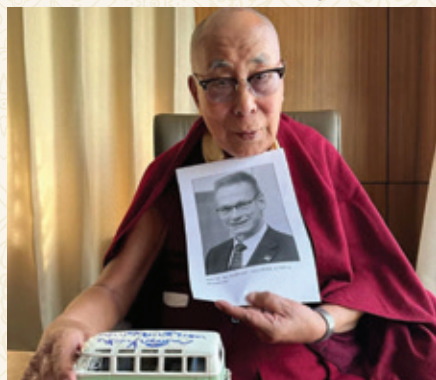
"Aren't we all blessed to have been exposed to his greatness and his goodness?" Pelosi asked the crowd. "His Holiness, such a blessing."

Abroad

JAN ANDERSSON CELEBRATED AT INTERNATIONAL STAFF RETREAT

In the presence of members of the ICT Europe board and nearly 30 staff, Dr. Jan Andersson was thanked at a dinner in Pomaia, Italy for his decades of service to Tibet. Andersson, who retired as the ICT Europe board chair in December 2022, was presented with a letter from His Holiness the Dalai Lama saying: "You were there right from our early years – making efforts in Europe and the United States – when we were reaching out to the international community for support and at a time when the world only had very little knowledge about Tibet."

Jan traveled around India in 1969 in a VW minibus, like the replica pictured here, which His Holiness signed.



During that trip, he met His Holiness for the first time. Jan stayed at the Tibetan Children's Village for 3 months and had an opportunity to meet with His Holiness on several occasions, which was the beginning of their long relationship.

Born in Malmo, Sweden, Jan is one of the most senior and recognizable faces in the Tibet movement. In 1999, he co-founded ICT Europe and a year later co-founded ICT Germany. Under his visionary leadership, ICT Europe and ICT Germany have become prominent, influential advocacy organizations. Over the past 25 years, they have forged strong connections with governments, parliamentarians, the UN and other key entities.

Despite the challenging political environment surrounding Tibet and the rise of China as a global power, Jan remains hopeful. He emphasizes the importance of keeping alive the vision of a free Tibet and encouraging the preservation of Tibetan culture in exile. Jan will continue as a board member for ICT Europe and ICT Germany.

Abroad

STAFFERS FROM ALL 4 ICT OFFICES TRAVEL TO ITALY FOR PLANNING SESSION



Thanks to a generous grant from the Italian Buddhist Union (UBI) and the amazing Istituto Lama Tzong Khapa—a dharma center in Tuscany—ICT was able to bring global staff together for a planning session and retreat in Italy this September. Staffers from ICT Europe, ICT Brussels, ICT Germany, and ICT's headquarters in Washington, DC attended.

Among the rolling hills and tranquil setting of the institute, participants enjoyed further uniting ICT's international teams and making plans to work even more closely together to support the Tibetan people.

THANK YOU TO THE ITALIAN BUDDHIST UNION

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



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TENCHO GYATSO JOINS MEETING BETWEEN UNDER SECRETARY ZEYA & THE DALAI LAMA IN DHARAMSALA; PARTICIPATES IN YOUTH FORUM

ICT President Tencho Gyatso traveled to India in July at the invitation of the Central Tibetan Administration, to join a meeting between the US Special Coordinator for Tibetan Issues Uzra Zeya, His Holiness the Dalai Lama, and the Tibetan leadership in exile. In the days following the meeting, she accompanied State Department staffers to Dharamsala to meet with CTA officials and organizations to deepen their understanding of Tibetan issues.

Tencho was also invited to speak about ICT's advocacy for Tibet in the US at the International Tibet Youth Forum, a CTA event that brought together more than 100 Tibetan youth from 16 countries. Among them were past participants of ICT's Tibetan Youth Leadership Program and alumni of the Tibet Children's Village. Tencho's speech focused on the history of the introduction and passage of the Reciprocal Access to Tibet Act, giving a glimpse into how a bill is conceived, passed, and turned into law – and how it is shaping American support for Tibet.

The three-day youth forum concluded with a joint declaration from participants, affirming their commitment to advocating for the truth about Tibet and seeking international support in resolving the Tibet-China conflict.



ICT DELEGATION CONCLUDES VISIT TO DHARAMSALA & MEETINGS WITH THE DALAI LAMA AND THE LEADERSHIP OF THE CENTRAL TIBETAN ADMINISTRATION

The senior leadership of International Campaign for Tibet traveled to Dharamsala in late October to meet with His Holiness the Dalai Lama and the senior leadership of the Central Tibetan Administration. The purpose of their visit was to apprise the Tibetan leadership of ICT's plans and renew ICT's commitment to continue to advocate and work for the cause of Tibet.

The delegation included Tencho Gyatso, president; Bhuchung Tsering, head of research and monitoring; Kai Mueller, executive director of ICT Germany; and Wangpo Tethong, executive director of ICT Europe.

The group had meetings with Tibetan leadership including Sikyong



Penpa Tsering; Information & International Relations Kalon Norzin Dolma; Speaker Sonam Tenphel; and Deputy Speaker Dolma Tsering of the Tibetan Parliament; as well as staff of the Library of Tibetan Works & Archive, the Tibet Policy Institute, and the Tibetan Centre for Human Rights & Democracy.

Most importantly, ICT leaders had an audience with His Holiness the Dalai Lama, where they were joined by Chairman of the Board Richard Gere and board member Tempa Tsering. They gave His Holiness a brief

update on ICT's ongoing work and plans and also had an exchange of views with experts on Tibetan studies, human rights, and democracy to explore working in coordination.

The delegation of ICT leaders was able to inform His Holiness about the organization's work in support of his vision and approach to Tibet and the world—centered on principles of peace, democracy, and dialogue. That work is supported by ICT's world-wide members, many of whom have been touched by His Holiness' wisdom and the culture of Tibet.



Tenzin Gyaltsen Gadzhong, applique and embroidery master
Photograph by Tsering Topgyal
Born in Lhasa, Tenzin Gyaltsen Gadzhong apprenticed under the master tailor to His Holiness the Dalai Lama. He is now a skilled applique and embroidery master craftsman, having recently opened his own school/workshop in Dharamshala. Here he is featured working on a 200-foot applique thangka.



Tenzin Menek and Tenzin Kargah, sister artists
Photograph by Tsering Topgyal
Tenzin Menek and Tenzin Kargah are sister artists in the Tibetan tradition of performing ritual dances. One of the first Tibetan Buddhist communities in the U.S., Tenzin Menek and Tenzin Kargah founded the Tibetan Buddhist Cultural Center in 1989, which is now a center for Tibetan Buddhist culture, arts, and education.



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UNBROKEN TRADITIONS ICT'S 2024 WALL CALENDAR

The title of ICT's 2024 calendar is "Unbroken Traditions: Tibetan Culture Endures in Exile." In this edition of our annual calendar, we celebrate the men and women who are actively working to keep Tibetan culture alive. As the Chinese Communist Party tries to eradicate all elements of Tibetan culture, from deeply held religious beliefs to language, history and artistic traditions, these Tibetans living in exile are committed to preserving their traditions—and allowing them to flourish for future generations.

The men and women featured here are artisans, performers, and masters of Tibetan tradition. They paint, work with metal, craft religious icons, calculate astrological outcomes, and more. The variety of their skills is a testament to the depth and richness of Tibetan culture and the vital need to preserve it.



The 2024 ICT calendar is available for purchase for \$14.99 at savetibetstore.org.

NEW RELIGIOUS AFFAIRS ORDER AIMS TO MAKE TEMPLES INTO MOUTHPIECES FOR CCP

In early September, the Chinese Communist Party put into force a major religious affairs decree—Order 19—that will lead to even greater CCP control over Tibetan Buddhism and further the objective of wiping out Tibetan religion through “Sinification.”

This latest decree solidifies Chinese President Xi Jinping’s drive to “Sinify” all religions. Order 19 includes a number of restrictive, unjustified, and illegal rules designed to make it even harder for Tibetan Buddhists—and other religious minorities—to practice their religion.

Restrictions include:

- All venues for religious activity—including Tibetan monasteries—must “unite and educate religious citizens to love the motherland.”
- Religious sites are required to establish a “learning system” forcing personnel to “study the principles and policies of the Communist Party of China.”

UN EXPERTS DEMAND INFORMATION ABOUT DETAINED TIBETAN ENVIRONMENTAL DEFENDERS

UN human rights experts have called on the Chinese government to provide information about nine Tibetans imprisoned for their peaceful efforts to protect Tibet’s environment, which is crucial to the entire region.

In a statement, the three experts admonished the Chinese government to provide details about the reason for detention and the health conditions of the nine Tibetans, all of whom were detained between 2010 and 2019.

“We welcome the Special Rapporteurs’ forceful challenge to Chinese authorities’ persecution of environmental defenders,” said Kai Mueller,

- They must promote Chinese language and culture, advance national unity, and support the leadership of the CCP and Xi Jinping.
- Those in charge of religious sites must “be mainland residents with Chinese nationality.”

Essentially, Order 19 requires every temple to serve as a mouthpiece for the Chinese government’s values—using religion as a method of indoctrination.

In the highly securitized contemporary Tibet, Buddhist monks and nuns live in a suffocating environment under constant surveillance and control measures meant to limit their physical activities.

The Central Tibetan Administration in Dharamsala says, “Under this unlawful regulation, Tibetan monasteries in Tibet that refuse to denounce His Holiness the Dalai Lama or express reverence and loyalty to His Holiness, whom the PRC considers as ‘separatist,’ remain particularly vulnerable to face crackdown by the Chinese authorities.”

Executive Director of ICT Germany. “China must reverse its dismal record and prove its claimed prioritization of environmental protection is more than a global smoke screen for unfettered exploitation of the Tibetan Plateau. It must prove that by releasing these nine activists and ending its broad persecution of Tibetan environmental defenders.”

The nine Tibetans identified in the experts’ statement were all detained after they protested illegal mining activities or exposed the poaching of endangered species.

This repression is particularly alarming given the critical role of Tibetan environmental defenders at a time when temperatures on the Tibetan Plateau are rising at least two times faster than the global average.



View of the bus park for tourist coaches at Tiger Leaping Gorge.

STATE DEPARTMENT PANEL HIGHLIGHTS WATER SECURITY IN TIBET

Lobsang Yangtso had been to UN climate conferences and other water conferences before. But August’s panel on water security in the Himalayas was different in one keyway: the participants were willing to discuss Tibet.

“In the other conferences that I have participated in earlier, when we talked about water security in the Himalayas, none of these countries or the speakers dared to speak what is happening in the upstream of all the Himalayan regions” in Tibet, said Lobsang, a senior researcher at the International Tibet Network. “So I’m really glad right now that we are discussing this,” she added.

The panel, “Addressing Water Security Challenges in the Himalayan Region,” took place August 24 at the World Water Week Conference in Stockholm. ICT’s Director of Government Relations Franz Matzner was in attendance, and ICT co-sponsored the panel, which was convened by the US State Department in partnership with the International Water Management Institute.



The integrity of Tibet’s ecology is critical to the Tibetan people’s way of life and directly contributes to the stability and economic well-being of downstream countries in South and Southeast Asia.



SPECIAL SERIES: THE DALAI LAMA'S FOUR COMMITMENTS



Human values. Religious harmony. The preservation of Tibet's culture. And the revival of India's ancient wisdom. These are the four principal commitments of His Holiness the Dalai Lama.

In this special series of Tibet Talks, which launched in August, we explore these commitments with four guests whose lives have been touched by His Holiness, including:

- **Dr. Richie Davidson**, a neuroscientist and the founder of the Center for Healthy Minds
- **Professor Siddiq Wahid**, a senior fellow at the Centre for Policy Research
- **Mr. Tenzin Namgyal Tethong**, the Dalai Lama's former Representative to North America and a former Kalon Tripa of the Central Tibetan Administration
- **Mr. Rajiv Mehrotra**, a former Indian TV host, and the secretary and trustee of the Foundation for Universal Responsibility of His Holiness the Dalai Lama

Tibet Talks stream on Facebook Live and [savetibet.org/live](https://www.savetibet.org/live). The talks are archived at the same webpage and are also released as podcasts available on iTunes, Spotify and Google Podcasts.

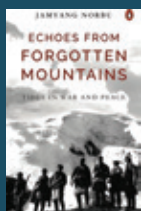
RECENT PUBLICATIONS



THE PENGUIN BOOK OF MODERN TIBETAN ESSAYS *Tenzin Dickie (Vintage Books, 2023)*

Back in 2017 Tenzin Dickie published *Old Demons, New Deities*, a superb collection of short stories from Tibet. Now she's back with a book of essays from some of Tibet's greatest writers.

As a collection they're united by the experience of exile: memories of the Land of Snows, stories of living in other countries, and the dislocation of a people who have been divided by the Chinese invasion. There are moments of levity, introspection, and sorrow. Anyone with an interest in the experiences of exiled Tibetans should look for a copy of this book.



ECHOES FROM FORGOTTEN MOUNTAINS: TIBET IN WAR AND PEACE *Jamyang Norbu (India Viking, 2023)*

Jamyang Norbu's magnum opus is here, a sprawling 900-page epic covering the years before, during, and after the Chinese invasion of Tibet. The length is justified by the richness of the portraits Norbu paints of the central figures in this story and the depth of his knowledge about the people and times covered by the book.

Plenty of books about Tibetan history mention leaders like Gonpo Tashi Andrugtsang, but few writers have filled in his story with personal details. The story of Bhusang, a political prisoner and freedom fighter, was entirely new to me. And Jamyang Norbu's own life and experiences with the resistance army are fascinating. Highly recommended.



TAXATION IN TIBETAN SOCIETIES *Alice Travers, Peter Schwieger, and Charles Ramble (Brill, 2023)*

This book is full of interesting details – but be aware that it's certainly more academic than many of the titles we feature. As a collection of papers, it covers everything from taxes on farmers in Central Tibet, to the role of ferrymen crossing Tibetan rivers, and even the function of traveling opera troupes and their performances in Tibetan festivals as a form of taxation. It provides an in-depth look at an aspect of Tibetan society that dedicated readers might find intriguing.



TIBET'S FATE and CHINESE PROPAGANDA ON TIBET *Warren Smith (Rowman & Littlefield, 2023)*

Finally, we have a double-header of new releases from Warren Smith, a longtime ICT supporter. In *Chinese Propaganda on Tibet*, Smith analyzes decades of Chinese news articles, speeches, and papers to find the narratives pushed by the Party at different points in time. Commentary sections accompany each document, pointing out the ironies and falsehoods and showing how China's false claims have evolved over time.

In *Tibet's Fate*, Smith shares testimony from Tibetans collected in Dharamsala. Their voices form a natural counterpoint to *Chinese Propaganda on Tibet*, revealing the truth of what Tibetans experienced during the Chinese invasion and in the decades since. The second part of the book covers Smith's own experiences with the Tibet movement and his thoughts on the state of the Tibetan struggle for human rights and freedom. No one could accuse him of mincing his words. To learn more about Warren Smith, please see our Member Spotlight on page 10.

MEMBER SPOTLIGHT: WARREN SMITH, AUTHOR OF 5 BOOKS ON TIBET AND ICT MEMBER SINCE 1988



Warren Smith lived in Nepal from 1971 to 1982, working in the Everest region and building houses in Langtang and Rara National Parks for the National Parks Department of Nepal with Sherpa carpenters. It was there that he first became familiar with Tibetan culture and the Tibet political issue.

He became involved in Tibetan scholarship and activism after a five-month trip to Tibet in 1982. Warren says, "At that time the rubble of the Cultural Revolution had barely been cleared away, and many Tibetan monasteries still lay in ruins, even in Lhasa, but Tibetans were experiencing a cultural revival and were eager to tell their stories." He met a Tibetan American woman, Dolma Tenpa, who helped him get started in Tibet studies. He then returned to school at the Fletcher School of Law and Diplomacy to write a history of Tibet.

In addition to publishing five books on Tibet since that time, Warren served as the only non-Tibetan broadcaster in the Tibetan Service of Radio Free Asia for 23 years (until his recent retirement), where he wrote more than 1,000 programs on Tibetan history and politics. He says that the creation of Radio Free Asia in 1996, due to lobbying by ICT and other organizations, was an important step that demonstrated US government involvement in the Tibetan issue and that provided much-needed information to Tibetans inside Tibet.

Warren was an early supporter of ICT since the time of its founding by Tenzin Tethong in 1988: "Previously there had only been an Office of Tibet in New York. I thought it was important to have both Tibetan and international representation for the Tibetan issue in Washington DC. I have supported ICT ever since and believe it has been an effective organization for lobbying the US government on behalf of Tibet."

Asked what inspired him to activism, he says, "My involvement in the Tibetan issue has been as a historian ... I knew something about the truth of Tibet and felt personally offended by the lies and misrepresentations of

A WARREN SMITH BIBLIOGRAPHY:

- *Tibetan Nation: A History of Tibetan Nationalism and Sino-Tibetan Relations* (1996)
- *China's Tibet: Autonomy or Assimilation* (2008)
- *Tibet's Last Stand: The Tibetan Uprising of 2008 and China's Response* (2010)
- *Chinese Propaganda on Tibet* (2023)
- *Tibet's Fate* (2023)

Chinese propaganda. I had talked to many Tibetans about their experiences. I thought that I as an individual could have some effect on the issue, at least in the historical sense, by exposing the lies of Chinese propaganda and by providing a more accurate history of Tibet that told the story from the Tibetan point of view. This is what I have tried to do in my five books, so far, on Tibetan history and politics as well as in my career at Radio Free Asia."

We are so grateful to Warren for his 50 years of involvement in Tibetan culture, history, and politics.

REMEMBERING SENATOR DIANNE FEINSTEIN

ICT is mourning the loss of Senator Dianne Feinstein, a longtime friend of Tibet and His Holiness the Dalai Lama, who played a leading role in passing some of the most important Tibet legislation in US history and worked tirelessly toward a negotiated resolution of China's decades-long occupation of Tibet.

ICT President Tencho Gyatso said: "Senator Feinstein is one of the important figures in American politics who made a great impact for the Tibetan people. The senator, as well as her husband Richard

Blum, were strong supporters of the work of the International Campaign for Tibet. Her legacy will live on through her incredible works as a senator, mayor, citizen, leader and friend. We at the International Campaign for Tibet offer our prayers and heartfelt condolences to the family of Senator Feinstein."

Feinstein was the main Democratic sponsor in the Senate of the Tibetan Policy Act, a groundbreaking law that marks its 21st anniversary this year. Feinstein was also the main Democratic



sponsor in the Senate of the Fourteenth Dalai Lama Congressional Gold Medal Act, which led to the Tibetan leader receiving the Gold Medal in 2007. Just last year, Feinstein met with several Tibetan Americans and Tibet supporters from California during ICT's Tibet Lobby Day. She will be greatly missed.

CALLING ALL MEMBERS: URGE YOUR SENATORS TO COSPONSOR THE RESOLVE TIBET ACT

This year Congress has a golden opportunity to advance our goal of a negotiated agreement on Tibet through dialogue between Tibetan Leadership and the Chinese government by passing the Resolve Tibet Act.

This legislation comes at a critical juncture in the Tibet-China conflict. After abandoning the dialogue process over a decade ago, the Xi Jinping regime has tightened its fist. Arbitrary detention, disappearances, torture, and sacrilegious acts remain commonplace, hidden now behind an iron curtain of pervasive electronic surveillance. New policies are in place that further a systematic attempt to obliterate Tibetan culture, identity, and basic freedoms. DNA and other biometric data collection is escalating surveillance to a new, dangerous level. Forced separation of children from their families to boarding schools where they are taught only in Chinese risks severing the very roots of Tibetan civilization.

The Resolve Tibet Act represents an important next step by making clear the US government is committed to supporting Tibet and expects the Chinese to return to the negotiating table. It empowers the Special Coordinator to counter Beijing's disinformation campaigns head on, especially important in the face of the Chinese Communist Party's increasing capacity and willingness to engage in transnational repression.

URGE YOUR SENATORS TO JOIN IN STANDING AGAINST TIBET'S OCCUPATION:

Make it a matter of US policy that the Tibet issue is not resolved and that His Holiness' vision of a negotiated agreement is the only path forward.

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TO: US SENATORS FROM: A CONCERNED CONSTITUENT

Dear Senators,

I write to express my concern regarding the CCP's continued assault on the Tibetan people and to urge you to support the **Promoting a Resolution to the Tibet-China Conflict Act (S.138)**, introduced by Senators Jeff Merkley and Todd Young in the Senate and Representatives Jim McGovern and Michael McCaul in the House.

Today the situation in Tibet is dire and the very future of Tibetan identity is in peril. However, the Resolve Act promises to build on America's existing Tibet policy to make clear to Beijing that US support for negotiations will never waiver, no matter how long identifying a peaceful, stable resolution takes. The bill also empowers the Administration to refute the intense disinformation campaign the CCP wages against His Holiness the Dalai Lama and the Tibetan people.

Bipartisan support for Tibet in the US Congress has been the international standard bearer for Tibet for many decades. And Congress has consistently identified China's repressive policies towards Tibet as a human rights crisis that demands confrontation. Administrations of both parties, and Congress, have long embraced the Dalai Lama's call for meaningful negotiation to end the oppression of Tibetans and repeatedly urged Chinese authorities to respect the fundamental rights and religious freedoms of the Tibetan people.

The Dalai Lama and the Tibetan people continue to advocate nonviolently for a peaceful, stable solution of the still unresolved Tibet-China conflict, and they need the support of the United States. As a constituent, I urge you to cosponsor the Resolve Tibet Act and help make it the law of the land. A resolution of the Tibet-China conflict will have tremendous impact on peace in the world.

I look forward to hearing from you on the above.

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