



INTERNATIONAL CAMPAIGN FOR TIBET

# IMPACT ON TIBET

MEMBERSHIP REPORT • SUMMER 2025

Dear Friend,

In this impact report, we share key accomplishments related to our mission in three areas of our work: Advocacy, Monitoring and Reporting, and Tibetan Empowerment, all made possible by supporters like you.

Since 1988, ICT has been working tirelessly to advocate for Tibet and His Holiness the Dalai Lama's vision. Most recently, our advocacy efforts have been concentrated on Tibet Lobby Day, held June 24-25. Read the good news about this impactful event right here on the cover.

Meanwhile, our Monitoring and Reporting work fuels an important new report exposing the lack of Tibetan representation in leadership roles in Tibet (page 2).

Finally, our Tibetan Empowerment programs promote and safeguard Tibetan cultural heritage and provide opportunities for young Tibetan Americans to gain access to the US political system (page 3).

Your partnership powers these initiatives—and truly makes a difference.



In solidarity,

*Tencho Gyatso*

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President

## 16th ANNUAL TIBET LOBBY DAY BRINGS OVER 200 SUPPORTERS TO DC

A record number of Tibet supporters convened at the US Capitol in June to bring their message on Tibet to their elected representatives. More than 200 people, representing 25 states plus Washington, DC, visited more than 100 congressional offices.

Participants advocated for a resolution recognizing the Dalai Lama's 90th birthday and his outstanding contributions to humanity, while also rejecting Chinese Communist Party interference in the reincarnation process. They further urged lawmakers to maintain funding for Tibet-related programs and push for fair access to Tibet.

These advocacy efforts had an immediate impact gaining ten new cosponsors. And as we go to print, the resolution has just been passed in the Senate!

Lobby Day concluded with a joyous celebration of the Dalai Lama's 90th birthday as part of ICT's year-long *Compassion Rising* campaign.

### YOUR IMPACT

Thanks to you, Lobby Day 2025 saw a record-breaking turnout in person, plus 3,297 petitions submitted online! Keep the momentum going by signing the petition on the back, urging Secretary Rubio to swiftly appoint a new Special Coordinator for Tibetan Issues.

## NEW REPORT

# CRISIS OF CREDIBILITY: CHINA'S LEADERS IN TIBET SELECTED FOR LOYALTY TO CCP

In a new report we released on May 20, we highlight the lack of effective Tibetan leadership within Tibet, including in the Tibet Autonomous Region and the Tibetan areas incorporated in Sichuan, Yunnan, Qinghai and Gansu provinces.

After a thorough review of the Tibetans who are currently being thrust into leading positions in all Tibetan areas, it is clear that China is doing so with a sole focus on manufacturing loyalty to the CCP rather than any consideration of their capability to deliver to the Tibetan people. This stands in stark contrast to earlier eras; while Tibetans may have disagreed with decisions made by previous Tibetan leaders who worked with the CCP, each one showed their dedication to Tibet in different ways.

The Chinese government claims to have “liberated” Tibet from “feudal lords,” but this report shows that, ironically, even today the CCP relies on many of those “feudal lords” to do its bidding in Tibet.

Our findings show that Tibetans are not effectively represented in Tibetan areas, let alone among

the leadership in Beijing. In addition, cases of corruption and misrule among Tibetan leaders appear to be increasing.

ICT is committed to bringing light to the oppression within Tibet caused by the CCP's bringing in outside leadership to benefit the party instead of Tibet and the Tibetan people.

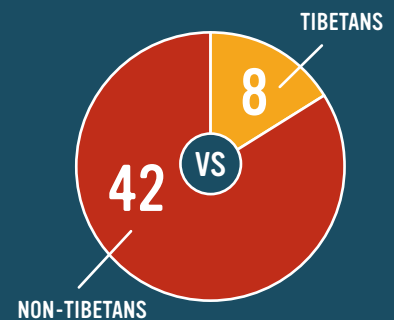
► Read the full report online at [SaveTibet.org/crisis-of-credibility](https://SaveTibet.org/crisis-of-credibility).

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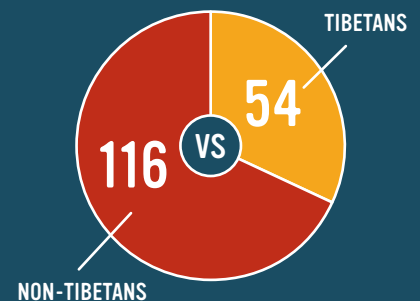
The Chinese government wants to stop you from learning about what it's doing in Tibet. You can support and share our reporting and monitoring work to help us continue to investigate and uncover the truth. When we shine a spotlight on unreported issues, we can bring the attention of journalists, legislators, and citizens of the world to the real story inside Tibet.



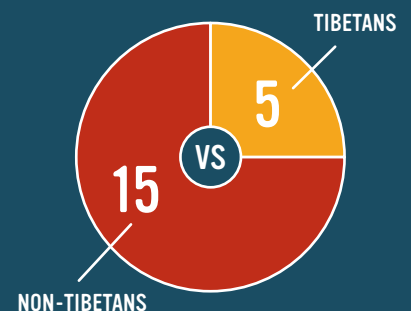
#### TIBETANS VS NON-TIBETANS IN PROVINCIAL LEADERSHIP POSITIONS



#### TIBETANS VS NON-TIBETANS IN PREFECTURAL LEADERSHIP POSITIONS



#### TIBETANS VS NON-TIBETANS IN COUNTY LEADERSHIP POSITIONS



# TIBETAN EMPOWERMENT: WASHINGTON INTERNSHIP PROGRAM FOR TIBETAN AMERICANS (WIPTA)

Each summer, WIPTA provides 2-3 Tibetan American undergraduate or graduate students with an opportunity for a summer internship placement in US Congressional offices or other agencies in the heart of the US political system in Washington, DC.

Part of ICT's efforts to empower the burgeoning Tibetan American community, the WIPTA program offers meaningful opportunities and exposure to the US political process and public policy firsthand.

WIPTA participants are known as "Lodi Gyari Fellows" in honor and memory of ICT's former President and Chair of the Board of Directors Lodi Gyari. Advocacy for Tibet and empowerment of the Tibetan community were issues that he cared about deeply.

## This year's Fellows are Dechen Atsatsang and Kunga Wilson.



**Dechen Atsatsang** is a rising senior at Georgetown University, majoring in International Politics with a minor in Justice and Peace Studies. She is interning with the House Select

Committee on Strategic Competition between the US and the CCP. She formerly served as the Government Relations intern at ICT, where she supported advocacy on US policy toward China and Tibet.

Originally from Illinois, Dechen is passionate about human rights, international diplomacy, and public service. She is thrilled to deepen her understanding of congressional work and contribute to meaningful policy efforts on Capitol Hill.



**Kunga Wilson** is a rising junior at UC Berkeley, pursuing a Political Science and Urban Studies degree. He is interning at the office of Senator Jeff Merkley (D-OR). Kunga speaks

Tibetan and Spanish and has a green belt in karate and taekwondo.

Originally from Oregon, Kunga was part of ICT's 2024 Tibetan Youth Leadership Program in Washington, DC. Kunga aims to foster resilient communities through city planning and public policies both domestically and abroad.

## YOUR IMPACT

Your generous support of ICT helps sustain our annual Tibetan Empowerment programs, like WIPTA and our Tibetan Youth Leadership Program, which are critical in preparing the next generation of leaders for the future of the Tibet movement.





Join ICT in urging Secretary of State Marco Rubio to fill the position of Special Coordinator for Tibetan Issues as quickly as possible. The office of the Special Coordinator “leads US efforts to promote meaningful dialogue between the People’s Republic of China and His Holiness the Dalai Lama or his representatives on Tibetan autonomy; to protect the unique religious, cultural, and linguistic identity of Tibetans; and to press for their human rights to be respected.” Help us push for the prompt appointment of this crucial position!



▶ If you want to make your support go even farther, scan here to make a gift to support ICT’s work.

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# URGING

## SECRETARY OF STATE MARCO RUBIO

Dear Secretary Rubio,

From your Senate career, I know you share my horror of China’s ongoing oppression and violations of human rights in Tibet. Tibet’s unique language, religion, and culture are all under threat from the authoritarian rule of the Chinese Communist Party.

The office of the Special Coordinator for Tibetan Issues is vitally important for pushing back against the CCP’s tyranny in Tibet. This office is an expression of the long-running American support for the people of Tibet, a support that transcends parties and has endured for decades.

Please fill the position of Special Coordinator for Tibetan Issues as quickly as possible. Given the urgency of the situation in Tibet, it cannot sit empty.

Sincerely,

Signature \_\_\_\_\_

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