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“Organ Harvesting of Religious and Political Dissidents by the Chinese Communist Party”

**Testimony on the Movement of Quitting the CCP
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Thank you, Mr. Chairmen and distinguished members of the committees for giving me the opportunity to testify today. Also, I would like to thank the gentlemen who have just spoken about the harvesting of organs from Falun Gong prisoners of conscience. I myself was imprisoned in China for three years and can confirm that during that time, I forcibly had blood samples taken from me without being told the reason. If it were not for the support of people like those in this room and the international attention given to my case, I could have also been at the victim of organ harvesting, like thousands of anonymous Falun Gong practitioners.

In my testimony today, I would like to touch on three points related to the Chinese Communist Party (CCP) rule and a movement of Chinese people renouncing their affiliation with the CCP, referred to in Chinese as “Tuidang” that can help us better understand organ harvesting.

- 1. The CCP has a long history of killing and its nature is fundamentally nefarious. Organ harvesting is the latest manifestation of this.**
- 2. Through the Tuidang movement, Chinese people are finding a way out of the moral crisis that has engulfed China and are rejecting the CCP’s culture of violence**
- 3. The Tuidang movement is helping prepare China for a post-CCP future**

- 1. The CCP has a long history of killing and its nature is fundamentally nefarious. Organ harvesting is the latest manifestation of this.**

The phenomenon of live organ harvesting illustrates a fundamental point about the Communist Party. It is the latest episode in the CCP's history of killing. Communist movements together have caused the deaths of 150 million people worldwide, including 80 million people in China. Since the CCP took power in China in 1949, it has subjected the Chinese people to one massive violent campaign after another, destroying China's traditional culture and values and causing permanent ruin to the environment. During the Great Leap Forward, an estimated 40 million Chinese people starved to death because Communist Party officials exaggerated the size of the grain harvests, confiscated grain, and then forced farmers to participate in steel production instead of harvesting food, causing a severe—and manmade—famine. The starved farmers were not even allowed to go out to beg for the reason that the Party's image could not be tarnished. During the Cultural Revolution, more than 8 million people were killed in a nationwide movement of struggle and turmoil. People were even forced to turn against their families, friends, and neighbors.

Most recently, in 1999, the CCP launched the campaign to persecute practitioners of Falun Gong—who at the time numbered 100 million—arresting, torturing, and killing innocent people for seeking to follow Truthfulness, Compassion, and Forbearance, improve their health, and uplift their morality. Over 3,500 deaths from torture have been documented, but as we've heard today, tens of thousands of others have been killed so that their organs could be sold for transplants.

How could something like this happen? Such inconceivable deeds go beyond the routine suppression common to dictatorships because the Chinese Communist Party is not just an average authoritarian regime. When we look at its behavior and philosophy from its origins to today, it is evident that the CCP is particularly malicious, inhumane, and nefarious, or in other words—evil. It has been like this since its very origins. They set a mission to conquer the world by deception and violence, to destroy all civilizations, social structures and moralities in human society. Communism and the theories of “Atheism and Dialectical Materialism” have been only tools they used for that purpose.

Although very few people in China today truly believe in Marxism or Communist theories, the CCP's fundamental attributes, like atheism and struggle, continue to underpin the CCP's actions. Having destroyed traditional Chinese values—like compassion, integrity, and respect for the divine—that provided social and political stability in China for thousands of years, the CCP and its officials lack a moral baseline. Worse still, they have worked tirelessly to infuse this moral depredation into Chinese society at large.

The result is the rampant corruption, tainted baby food products, and life-threatening environmental pollution that regularly feature in the headline news about China. It is the absence of this moral baseline that has also enabled CCP officials, as well as members of the police force, the courts, and even the medical profession, to participate or condone organ harvesting, such a heinous crime against humanity. Under its rule, the CCP has thus brought about the darkest page in China's glorious history and a profound moral crisis. The suffering of Chinese people seemed unendurable and endless.

However, in persecuting Falun Gong's principles of "Truthfulness, Compassion, and Tolerance," the CCP has driven the last nail into its coffin.

2. Through the Tuidang movement, Chinese people are finding a way out of the moral crisis that has engulfed China and are rejecting the CCP as a whole

How did the Tuidang movement start?

For the first several years of the persecution, Falun Gong practitioners repeatedly appealed to CCP officials to stop the persecution, while enduring tremendous hardships to explain to the Chinese public that Falun Gong was not as the CCP's propaganda machine claimed. Yet the CCP responded by intensifying the brutal measures used in the persecution. Meanwhile, it also became clear that because of how the CCP shapes the thoughts of Chinese people through education and media control, many Chinese had difficulty believing the reality of what was happening to Falun Gong. Therefore, to open people's eyes to the abuses faced by practitioners, practitioners realized they first needed to free people from the CCP's mind-control.

As such, in late 2004, the overseas Chinese-language newspaper *Dajiyuan (Epoch Times)*, run by Falun Gong practitioners, published an editorial series called the "Nine Commentaries on the Communist Party." The commentaries detail the history of the Communist Party in China, with a particular focus on its human rights record and episodes like the above-mentioned violent political campaigns, including the crackdown on Falun Gong. It points out that the CCP is an evil specter and it is anti-human and anti-universe, which is why CCP advocates "fight with the heaven, fight with the earth and fight with human." Karl Marx himself also referred Communism a "specter" in the Communist Manifesto. The continuous and intentional accumulation of the evilness throughout the entire history has made the CCP the most wicked and destructive force on earth.

With the publication and wide spread of "Nine Commentaries on The Communist Party", the biggest grass-root human rights movement started. The first Tuidang statement was received by the Epoch Times in December 2004. Then on Jan. 1, 2005, 50 overseas Chinese scholars jointly renounced their memberships in the CCP and its affiliated organizations. On Jan. 12, 2005, The Epoch Times Solemn Declaration was published. The Declaration urged whoever has joined the CCP or its affiliated organizations should quit immediately and erase the stain on their conscience left by the CCP "specter" in order to definitively break from the party and avoid suffering future retribution upon the CCP's demise. On the same day, tuidang.epochtimes.com was established as a platform and a database to publish and record renunciation entries.

Why are Falun Gong practitioners promoting Tuidang?

With the help of Falun Gong practitioners inside China and abroad, the Tuidang movement has grown stronger and faster with time. Today, over 123 million renunciation statements have been received. Each day, 70,000 people choose to be freed from the mental control of the CCP. These people don't know each other. They aren't part of one organization. But they have all made the same personal choice – to reclaim their conscience.

The Falun Gong activists involved in Tuidang seek to promote the movement not to catalyze regime change per se, but to offer Chinese citizens a chance to understand the CCP's history of violence, and take a principled stand by choosing to no longer associate with it. In this process, Falun Gong practitioners often say they feel they are offering people a chance at moral redemption, healing, and inner peace. Indeed, when reviewing Tuidang statements, it is quickly evident that people overwhelmingly frame their decisions to withdraw from the party in moral and spiritual terms: they are making a decision to reclaim their conscience.

The spiritual meaning of this movement is fundamental. The Nine Commentaries empowers people with the true nature of the CCP. It provides explanations for the irrationality of CCP's actions. It melts away CCP's brainwash. It provokes soul searching that leads to spiritual awakening. Once a person is free from CCP's brainwash, one is no longer controlled by this evil specter, one is capable of independent and rational thinking. When more and more people's spirits are freed, the broader social/physical environment will change. The CCP will then lose its feeding ground and collapse.

Here are some examples of how people have made a decision to reclaim their conscience.

A man writing under the name of Chen Feng wrote that upon learning about the human rights abuses committed against Falun Gong, such as large-scale arbitrary imprisonment, torture, and organ harvesting, he realized clearly that "the true nature of the party is 'deceit, evil, and violence,'" that he was leaving this evil organization in order to "rebuild an upright life, and speak the truth."

In another case, a group of 11 people from Chifeng in Inner Mongolia collectively wrote: "The Communist Party culture has poisoned the people, destroyed China's splendid civilization, and harmed countless innocent lives. They have launched numerous campaigns, such as the June 4th massacre, the unprovoked persecution of Falun Gong, and the organ removal from Falun Gong practitioners. It is extremely evil, it angers the heavens. We withdraw from the Communist Party, Youth League and affiliated organizations; we are determined not to associate with this evil party."

3. The Tuidang movement is helping prepare China for a post-CCP future

As more and more people's consciences are freed from the CCP's control, the broader social and political environment is changing. The CCP is losing the battle for the hearts and minds of the Chinese people, a process that will ultimately lead to the CCP's disintegration.

When we look at the news being reported from China, we see many reflections of these dynamics playing out. In some locations, local policemen have reportedly refused to use violence against fellow citizens. Meanwhile, Chinese people's human rights consciousness and courage to oppose the CCP has notably increased. Last year, there were an estimated 180,000 cases of "mass incidents" in which protestors abuses by CCP officials, an average of over 500 per day.

These events are happening at a time when the CCP is facing potential economic decline, internal fighting, and fragility within its upper ranks that ranges from the Wang Lijun-Bo Xilai

scandal to the rumors swirling in recent days regarding Xi Jinping's health. As these dynamics unfold, it is becoming clear that the CCP's rule may come to an end soon. As respected China scholar Minxin Pei recently wrote in *Foreign Policy*, "Are we obsessing about China's rise when we should be worried about its fall?"

Once the CCP is no longer governing China, the question emerges – what happens then? How does a society in the kind of moral crisis and with crimes of the scale that we're talking about today emerge to become stable and peaceful?

The Tuidang movement does not prescribe specific institutional reforms for a post-CCP China. But it does provide a way out of the moral crisis. The Tuidang movement offers hope for China, as tens of millions of Chinese people not only reject the Party's culture of violence, lies, and struggle, but also embrace truth, integrity, and conscience.

What should the US government do then? The simple answer is to stand together with the people of China rather than with the CCP regime.

Perhaps some of you in the audience may be thinking that the revelations about organ harvesting are so horrible, yet we must maintain strong ties with the Chinese government. But it is equally, if not more important to maintain strong ties with the Chinese people. As the Chinese people learn more about the human rights atrocities committed by the Communist Party, or encounter the party's repression themselves, they are rejecting it. The United States should support their courageous and inspired actions. Indeed, both the Senate and the House of Representatives recognized the Tuidang movement last year via Resolution 232 and Resolution 416.

In this context, I would respectfully recommend the following:

1. That the U.S. government publicly condemn human rights violations in China, including the persecution of Falun Gong.
2. That the U.S. government demand the release of all prisoners of conscience.
3. That the U.S. government continue to facilitate Chinese people's ability to obtain uncensored information.
4. That the U.S. government continue to pay attention, to support those who quit the CCP, to support the peoples' choice to be free of its hold.

Chinese people deserve the same freedoms that the American people have been enjoying for centuries and are greatly encouraged when the U.S. government stands with them. Moreover, a free China will also bring benefits to this country and the entire world.

Thank you again very much again, Mr. Chairman, for giving me this opportunity to testify. I look forward to working together more in the near future.