

SCR21

URGING THE PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF CHINA
TO HONOR ITS PROMISE AND COMMITMENT
TO NO LONGER HARVEST ORGANS FROM
EXECUTED PRISONERS FOR ORGAN
TRANSPLANTS.

Testimony In Support of HCR28/SCR21, March 16, 2015

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I am writing in support of HCR28/SCR21 that expresses concerns for China's illicit non-consenting organ harvesting, targeting Falun Gong practitioners and other prisoners of conscience.

As a China scholar, as well as someone who has personal knowledge about China's violation of human rights, I have been following the reports on organ harvesting in China with grave concerns. It is well known that the Chinese government harvested organs from death row prisoners started in the 1980s; a less known atrocity is the harvesting of organs from live prisoners of conscience, especially Falun Gong practitioners. Evidence and reports have emerged since 2006 that the Chinese government kept concentration camps and each incarcerated thousands of Falun Gong practitioners. The organs of these prisoners were harvested against their will and sold to organ transplantation for huge profits.

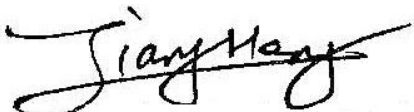
A major investigation on this was conducted by the Canadian human rights lawyer David Matas and former Canadian Secretary of State David Kilgour, who, over the years, have gathered mounting evidence about China's state-sanctioned organ harvesting. Their research, published in a book "*Bloody Harvest*" in 2009, confirms that tens of thousand of Falun Gong practitioners have fallen victims of organ harvesting. The authors call the crime a form of evil "new to this planet."

Other reports have corroborated with the above study, and some key information has been included in the text of HCR28/SCR21. Let me elaborate on one piece of evidence for this illicit organ harvesting: The alarmingly short wait time in organ transplant. I met a woman in Honolulu who had her kidney transplanted. She said she waited for nearly 5 years for a matching kidney, and that she was lucky since others had to wait longer. Hospitals in China, in comparison, promised 2-4 weeks' wait time to find a matching kidney for a transplant patient. This information is alarming: without a live bank (i.e., live people waiting to be killed for their organs), there is simply no way for an organ transplant to be planned, and in such a short time!

HCR28/SCR21 cites thorough physical exams given to Falun Gong practitioners in Chinese prisons as they became targets of organ harvesting. Last year, as a host of "Asia in Review" show at ThinkTech Hawaii media, I interviewed a Chinese Falun Gong practitioner, Jennifer Zeng, now living in LA, who recounted personal story of undergoing these physical exams while she was imprisoned in a Chinese labor camp, narrowly escaping organ harvesting.

The concern expressed in HCR28/SCR21 is long overdue, and its passing will send a strong signal to the world that brutality and violation of human life should not be tolerated by humanity.

On the next page, I offer two suggestions on wording change to HCR28/SCR21, so the resolution will be more consistent and accurate.



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RE: Wording change in HCR28/SCR21

I suggest the following wording changes to HCR28/SCR21:

1. Text of the resolution

On p.4 of the resolution: "urges the Government of the People's Republic of China to honor its promise and commitment to no longer harvest organs from prisoners, and particularly from Falun Gong prisoners of conscience and members of other religious and ethnic minority groups."

Since the Chinese government has not made the promise to not harvesting organs from Falun Gong prisoners – not even admitted to the practice, a minor change is needed so the resolution in order to conform to the reality in China:

Suggested revised text: "'urges the Government of the People's Republic of China to honor its promise and commitment to no longer harvest organs from **executed** prisoners, and **to immediately stop harvesting organs** particularly from Falun Gong prisoners of conscience and members of other religious and ethnic minority groups."

2. The summary of the resolution

As it stands, the summary does not reflect accurately the content of the resolution, which has focused on organ harvesting from prisoners of conscience, especially Falun Gong practitioners, who are not sentenced to death, or are not even sentenced, but are persecuted for their beliefs.

Original text: "Urging the People's Republic of China to honor its promise and commitment to no longer harvest organs from executed prisoners for organ transplants."

Suggested revised text: "Urging the People's Republic of China to **immediately stop the illicit practice of forced organ harvesting from Falun Gong practitioners** honor its promise and commitment to no longer harvest organs from executed prisoners for organ transplants."

Alternative text: "Urging the People's Republic of China to honor its promise and commitment to no longer harvest organs from executed prisoners for organ transplants, **and to immediately stop the illicit practice of forced organ harvesting from Falun Gong prisoners of conscience.**"

From: [Ben Maloney](#)
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Subject: Testimony for HCR 28 Organ Harvesting
Date: Monday, March 16, 2015 1:34:14 PM

Please see below for my formal testimony for this resolution. For some reason the online submission was not working for me. Please confirm you got this when you can.

Aloha,

Ben Maloney

March 16, 2015

I am writing in support of HCR No. 28. The overwhelming evidence of Chinese state sponsored forced organ harvesting of Falun Gong practitioners over the last decade is abhorrent.

Thousands of confirmed deaths are documented in The Kilgour-Matas Report, an independent report by Canadian MP and human rights lawyer, which was published in 2006 and found "there has been, and continues today to be, large-scale organ seizures from unwilling Falun Gong practitioners".

It is important as a western beacon of democracy, truth, and justice that we act on a legislative level to show the people of Hawaii and the people of this country that this type of behavior is unacceptable. I grew up Jewish. For me throughout years and years of Hebrew School learning we have a saying that goes deep into the ethos of what it means to be Jewish, we say time and time again "Never Again". This of course refers to the Holocaust.

However, today in China we have a Holocaust level of brutality that has caused thousands and thousands of confirmed and documented deaths (and tens of thousands or more which are suspected) as a direct result of forced organ harvesting. While this resolution seems like it's international in scope, it is important that we all as human stand up for what is right and wrong. On a national level both Hawaii members of congress have supported national House Resolution 281 which (documents 60,000 deaths as a result of this torture) is dealing with this same issue.

This level of brutality is almost unimaginable, but for countless families whose loved ones have been murdered as a result of this torture it is a living nightmare of reality. It is beyond important for this chamber to support this bill and vote with their conscience and goodness.

Thank you for your time.

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To Whom It May Concern,

Chinese Communist Regime has been harvesting human organs from live Falun Gong practitioners over a decade. This started after Chinese Communist regime launched nationwide massive persecution of Falun Gong in July 20, 1999. It's a crime beyond belief. The first report of this evil practice emerged in 2006. After over eight years of investigation the evidence has become overwhelming. It is challenging everyone's morality when facing this crime. I am willing to come to the [SCR 21](#) hearing for my testimony.

Thank you

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RE: SCR 21, Senate TSI, JDL , Hearing on Wednesday 3/18/15, 2:45pm, Conference Room 225.

Dear Senator Kahele,

I am submitting this written testimony in support of SCR 21.

As a resident of Honolulu, I am in support of SCR 21 due to my firm conviction that the human rights violation of organ harvesting has indeed been promulgated against practitioners of Falun Gong in China since 1999.

Organ harvesting is the removal of a person's organs while they are still alive resulting in their death in order to do an organ transplant. This reportedly has been done to at least 65,000 Falun Gong practitioners since the year 2000. In the US, waiting for an organ donation usually takes years, while in China the wait has often been as short as two or three weeks, as they have plenty of live healthy bodies from which to choose. This is done clearly to make a quick profit. Since knowledge of this heinous practice became public in 2006, the Chinese medical centers have stopped their advertising yet have continued the practice.

A brief historical summary of the persecution of Falun Gong in China may be helpful. Falun Gong, also referred to as Falun Dafa, is an ancient mind-body practice that was always handed down individually from teacher to student until the current modern day father of Falun Gong, Teacher Li, made it public in 1992. It is a practice rooted in Buddhism and Taoism that combines Qi Gong exercises and meditation, as well as practicing "cultivation of the heart" which means living by the principles of "Truth, Compassion, and Tolerance." For more information see: www.falundafa.org

By 1999 the Chinese government estimated that there were between 70 to 100 million practitioners in China and only 65 million Communist Party members. Consequently, the Chinese Communist Party (CCP) feared that practitioners would one day become political, especially as the CCP has not been practicing "Truth, Compassion, and Tolerance" over the years. Thus, the CCP outlawed Falun Gong and started to arrest and imprison anyone found to be practicing or disseminating information about the practice. In order to get practitioners to denounce their practice, the CCP began using torture. While similar to the early Christians who were thrown to the lions for refusing to renounce their spiritual beliefs, Falun Gong practitioners not only face persecution and possible death, but are also tortured in order that they turn in fellow practitioners including family members and friends. In addition, the CCP has

disseminated much disinformation and lies about Falun Gong and its practitioners within and outside China.

Evidence shows that organ harvesting of Falun Gong practitioners began in the year 2000 when the number of organ transplants in China grew substantially. While SCR 21 does include some documentation, the book *Bloody Harvest: Organ Harvesting of Falun Gong Practitioners In China* documents the overwhelming evidence. This was written by David Matas, a Canadian international human rights lawyer and David Kilgour, a former member of Parliament and former Secretary of State of the Government of Canada for the Asia Pacific region. Most notably, their thorough research demonstrates that organ transplants performed in China more than tripled in the six year period 2000 to 2005 compared to the previous six years prior to the persecution of Falun Gong. Their evidence indicates that practitioners are known to be killed after their organs are harvested.

In conclusion, I see this as an opportunity for the voice of the Hawaii State Legislature to be heard on behalf of human rights and against the atrocity of organ harvesting of Falun Gong practitioners in China. To do so is to stand with the likes of Nelson Mandela, Martin Luther King, and Mahatma Gandhi for human rights. It is by bringing human rights violations into the light that they can be stopped in China and elsewhere in the world. The State of Hawaii can play an important role in this endeavor.

I appreciate the opportunity to submit my testimony in support of SCR 21.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

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