Open Letter to the United States Congress

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Dear Ladies and Gentlemen in the United States Senate and House of Representatives,

Most respectful greetings from Gao Zhisheng! Allow me to express my sincere gratitude for your kind consideration and support in the past year to me and the values I am pursuing.

In the past two months, I have twice read the *Debates in the Federal Convention of 1787* by James Madison, and admired the freedom and democratic constitution that China has not been able to enjoy.

There is a saying in China, "a bite when hungry is better appreciated than a feast when full." Likewise, your persistence is especially precious given the almost total silence, or even subservience, of the mainstream international world in the past few years to the tyranny of the Chinese communist regime, a parvenu government that stops at no evil. Your persistence is a symbol of the light of humanity. The persistence you and many others show in refusing to collaborate with this fascist government is a strong wall that the overbearing communist regime cannot stride over. This persistence is a buoy that keeps the oppressed from being completely drowned by darkness, and it is the hope and source of strength for the downtrodden Chinese people who are struggling for human rights. It will keep us going with our peaceful protest. You and other people of conscience are an important force that makes it possible for Chinese people to peacefully abandon the tyranny and to establish a free, democratic, and civilized new China.

I am not a politician. I promise that you won't see any rhetoric, distortion, or pretence in this letter. Experience teaches us that though the world can be very critical, people often favor counterfeited virtues. This rule is brought to extremes in my country by those who vilify the good and glorify evil. In the past two years, the Chinese communist regime has demonstrated every vile act one can and cannot imagine during their efforts to silence me. As if to prove their determination to destroy human feelings and conscience at all costs, the regime ordered at least four secret police to maintain continuous, intimate man-to-man surveillance on my 3-year-old son. My 12-year-old daughter was "privileged" to an even higher level of treatment with six to ten male and female secret police at her heels day and night, month after month, even when she was in the classroom. All my family members have been followed around by secret police and have been illegally detained many times. During this period, my wife and children suffered repeated brutal assaults. The regime is determined to stop at nothing to persecute me, only because I stick to my conscience and responsibility as a human being. Behavior that is commonly considered to be too degrading for human beings is enforced in my country as political tasks.

Today, as we approach the Beijing Olympic Games, I ask you to pay attention to the ongoing human rights disaster in China, and wish you to forward my appeal to the whole world. I ask to you to seriously consider the true value of morality, justice, and humanity,

as well as to what extent such values are undermined in China. More and more Chinese people are speaking out against the coming Olympic Games in China, which they often refer to as "the bloody Olympics" and "the handcuff Olympics." They are protesting the need for human rights, not the Olympic Games. Recently Mr. Jacques Rogge expressed to the Chinese media that he would not be moved by these "desperate and indignant" voices. Meanwhile, Mr. Rogge asked people not to politicize the Olympic Games. Though I have very positive feelings about the Olympic Games, I am not willing to rebuke Mr. Rogge for his dereliction of duty to defend the ethical values of the Olympics. But it is necessary to remind Mr. Rogge that the Chinese communist regime treated the application and hosting of the Olympic Games exactly as an important political task. Everything related to the Olympics is regarded as a political issue. Liu Qi, China's key person in charge of these Olympics, himself said that it is a "supreme political task" to ensure that every need of the Olympic Games is met. This is a simple and commonly recognized fact in China. What the Chinese authorities failed to predict is how wildly the corrupted officials are taking advantage of the Olympics. Under the name of securing the success of the Olympic Games, all kinds of evils have been committed in broad daylight, including forced eviction, illegal arrests and persecution of people who petition to the authorities, and suppression of religious people. It is plain as day to all Chinese people that, with success in hosting the Olympic Games, the communist regime is trying to achieve two goals. First, it tries to prove to Chinese people that the world is still acknowledging the Party as a legal government despite all the tyranny and all the horrible crimes against humanity the Party has committed during the past decades at the cost of at least 80 million Chinese lives. Second, it wants to prove to the world the Party still has power over China and still enjoys people's full support. As more Chinese people are waking up and rising to demand the end of tyranny, the call for human rights is louder and louder. Under such circumstances, the Chinese communist regime has developed a twisted but fragile mentality and a freakish obsession with maintaining stability and ensuring the Olympic Games at all costs.

A recent incident in Beijing reflects the regime's fear of the people. An old man persevered in petitioning against forced eviction that robbed him his home until his last breath. At his funeral, Beijing police sent hundreds of policemen and unidentified personnel in 59 police vehicles (mostly buses) to surround the old man's residence to prevent people from attending the unyielding old man's funeral that was held there. Such shameful crimes against people of conscience have been going on for decades. A Heilongjiang farmer, Yang Chunlin, was robbed of his land. He was arrested for "inspiring" after he cried out, "We want human rights, not the Olympic Games." In recent years, the illegal arrests of innocent people have gone beyond limits.

Dear friends, as a Chinese I cherish profound love for my homeland and our suffering people. I also long to see the day when the Olympic Games are held in China. But when I remember the social environment of China, and how the Olympic Games will be used here, my conscience and sense of justice make my heart ache. As you know, today in China those who connect the Olympics with human rights are immediately hunted down by the communist regime and its gang as "the enemy of the state," "the sinner of the people," and "the destroyer of social harmony."

We do not support, nor pretend to support an Olympic Games that are used as a political tool. Nor can we support or pretend to support an Olympic Games that has no consideration for human conscience, justice, and morality. In a world where the mainstream political forces value profit above everything else, where morality is sneered at, we tried in vain to urge the Olympic Games to perform its duties. But still, I choose to voice myself in a way that almost led to the annihilation of my whole family. I choose to present to the international community what is happening in China, things that are totally against the Olympic spirit, though at this moment people are busy congratulating themselves on what they have gained in the coming Olympic Games. I choose to do so despite the danger I may bring to myself, because I consider it my obligation as a human being and a Chinese person.

The Chinese Communist Party is a criminal group that operates under the protection of national political powers. It is essential to realize its criminal nature so that we can make the right decisions. I know clearly that due to the greed for profit not many people would publicly acknowledge this observation, while too many people will just pretend they don't believe it. It is widely agreed that for any legal government, it is a natural and basic moral standard to carry out the constitutional law. But in China, this rule is publicly abandoned, and the government that has been tirelessly violating the constitutional law has become the obstacle to people's basic rights. People's rights by constitutional law have become an eternal catch. The only law that the communist regime treat with any seriousness is "the constitutional law ensures the permanent reign of the Chinese Communist Party in China."

I. The Ongoing Bloody Religious Persecution

The virtues taught by true beliefs means only disaster to the evil. Though the freedom of belief is regulated by China's constitutional law, the communist regime has never stopped fighting people's right in choosing their own beliefs, a right that is justified by human nature. On the other hand, without a court that can enforce the constitutional law, the law has no effective binding. Even so, the communist regime takes pains to make sure the constitutional law is completely suffocated with numerous orders and regulations (for example the Regulation on Religious Affairs issued by the State Council of China). The bloody persecution of Falun Gong starting from 1999 has surpassed all evils ever done. In the past eight years, over 3000 Falun Gong practitioners have been confirmed to be killed, and countless injured. Hundreds of thousands of practitioners have been sent to labor camps. Millions were illegally detained in the countless brainwashing camps established in every corner in China by the notorious 610 Office, an agency founded to lead the persecution of Falun Gong. Such brainwashing camps require even simpler admitting procedures while the methods used to "educate" the practitioners are shockingly cruel. Tens of millions have been persecuted in various forms. A large number of children have been expelled from school only because their parents practice Falun Gong. Some of the children were left unattended or even homeless after their parents were arrested. (Since last August my daughter has met many such children who lingered at the gate of her school. The children, though homeless, came up to my daughter to express their condolences and support. Our hearts ached for these children.) The eight-year long suppression of Falun Gong is so far the most long-lasting and the most serious human disaster in China and in the world. This is why I am emphasizing it early in this letter. As for proof of this persecution, I would like to recommend the investigative report I composed after doing an investigation myself to report legally acceptable evidence that I collected as an attorney. One of the cases in the report involves 28-year-old Liu Boyang, holder of a medical degree, and his mother, who were both Falun Gong practitioners. The mother and son were tortured to death within less than ten days in the same building. The last nights before their deaths, the two could hear each other's painful cries during the torture. Before the cries died with them, the police never stopped torturing them. What the Chinese police did to them is a record of shame in human history. By the time I was writing my third open letter to the Chinese leaders, the corpses of the mother and son were still kept by the 610 Office that killed them. Some other victims are still alive to testify about the persecution.

So today I will take the liberty to ask you, and ask all of mankind, the following questions:

1. Are the eight-year long persecution of Falun Gong and the crimes against humanity committed by the Chinese Communist Party only a problem for the victims? Or are they problems for mankind?

2. Are the CCP (Chinese Communist Party)'s genocide and crimes against humanity a threat only to the victims, or to the moral values of the entire human society?

3. Is mankind capable of dealing with such state-run crimes against humanity? Here three sub questions may be asked:

1). Does today's society have the courage and conscience to stand up against the genocide?

2). If yes, do we have the capability to stop it?

3). Judging by the definition of crimes against humanity and genocide given in international laws, a large number of CCP officials meet all the criteria for both crimes, including Jiang Zemin, Luo Gan, Zhou Yongkang, and Liu Jing. As for evidence, they are nothing but ample. So after all, it is a question of whether the mainstream society around the world has the sense of responsibility and courage to honestly face this evidence. The evidence includes,

A. For each of the over 3000 confirmed cases who were persecuted to death (the number is still growing thanks to our inaction), we have:

a. their full name, date of birth, ID, and address

b. detailed account of how they were tortured to death

c. documents to prove their deaths

d. their corpse, ashes, and tomb

e. testimony from their living families or friends

f. evidence for their arrests in most cases

g. for those whose organs were removed, the sewing stitched on the body and

the telephone conversation record with involved hospitals

h. large numbers of photos of the dead bodies

i. the people responsible for the killing are still alive and can be investigated

B. Many Falun Gong practitioners were never heard from since their arrest. Their families can testify.

C. Over 100 thousand survivors who can testify about the torture they suffered, such as electric shock, torture by particularly made tools, and pricking by sharp bamboo sticks.

D. Tens of thousands of surviving Falun Gong practitioners who were detained in labor camps

E. those who are still jailed in labor camps

F. millions who used to be detained in the brainwashing camps

G. those who are still detained in the brainwashing camps

H. a large but unidentified number of children who were expelled from school and left homeless

I. tens of millions who lost their jobs and financial sources, who lost their freedom and were not allowed to leave China

J. people of conscience within the CCP system

4). The issue all of us have to face is whether to pursue punishment [of the criminals]. Is China an exception when it comes to public international law for its crimes against humanity and genocide? We should not the ignore difficulties of starting this process due to the power of the CCP, but it is feasible, possible, and necessary from the perspective of international law to pursue criminal procedural punishment [against the criminals].

I have written a lot about the Falun Gong issue, as the persecution of Falun Gong is the worst disaster to human nature in this era. It does not mean, however, that the rights of other religious groups in China are not violated. The CCP's continuous suppression of Christian family churches is comparable to the shocking persecution of Falun Gong. Except for large cities such as Beijing and Shanghai, where people strongly oppose the persecution and force the dictators to lower the level of persecution, the persecution in townships and villages toward family church members are no different from the disaster suffered by Falun Gong practitioners. In my hometown, a small county, the number of arrested, detained, and robbed family church members each year is far beyond persecuted Falun Gong practitioners, and this illegal persecution has been going on for a long time. Based on my research on the persecution toward family church members in Xinjiang Uighur Autonomous Region, the CCP has trained a group of police to focus on harassing, persecuting, and suppressing family church members. Just recently Mr. Zhou Tong and others in Xinjiang were illegally detained. The CCP's persecution of Christians is an open secret.

In recent years, the CCP has also escalated the level of brutality and cruelty of its persecution toward Tibetan Buddhists.

II. Brutal Persecution of People's Freedom and Rights

Freedom is one of the most important spiritual factors of a human being. In addition to physical needs, man also has his equally important spiritual needs, which is a blessing given by God. However, the Chinese people are ruthlessly deprived of this blessing. In China, freedom is not only a luxury item, but it also regarded as a dangerous item by the

dictators. The suppression of people's longing for freedom is against human nature and against heavenly principles.

Freedom of speech and freedom of the press are basic indicators of a civilized society, are the main factors in modern world freedoms, and they are also the basic part of social freedom. For a country without rule by law, freedom of speech and freedom of the press are the only ways to ensure people's rights and safety. Without this freedom, one can imagine how unabashed the dictators are and how helpless the suppressed groups are. The CCP has always taken the control of media as a key political task. It focuses on using technology to control the media, and ignores the factor of morality. Recently, especially in the past three or four years, along with people waking up to pursue their rights and freedom, the CCP has been paranoid and has tried to use every method to control the media. It has created shocking incidents suppressing people who practice their rights of freedom following the law. In the past two years, Mr. Zheng Yichun, Mr. Yang Tianshui, Mr. Guo Qizhen, Mr. Guo Feixiong, Mr. Yang Zhengxue, Mr. (Wang) Lihong and a large number of other renowned online writers were illegally detained, and more recently, the CCP illegally arrested Mr. Lu Gengsong and harassed his family.

Recently, the CCP's Ministry of Public Security issued an urgent notice to order LDC to shut down all forums, blogs, and other online information exchange platforms before the 17th National Congress. If one center is found to have more than seven sites of online platforms, it will be shut down and heavily fined. This is another evil campaign to illegally suppress the media.

Freedom of association is regarded as a threat by dictators. In a country without freedom of association, people have no way to defend themselves from the brutal dictatorship. How can a group of people without any connection, as a result of lack of freedom of association, challenge a regime fortified with wealth and weapons? The feeling of fragility and frustration of Chinese people is beyond imagination for those in a democratic country. In China, the whole nation is subdued by a small group of criminals focusing on attacking and persecuting people, one group after another. Even the thought and speech about establishing another political party is regarded as a first-level terrorist event and illegally suppressed.

III. Furious Suppression of the Rights Defense Movement

In recent years, the CCP has furiously suppressed the Chinese peoples' rights defense movement to the edge of lunacy. A typical example is the case of Chen Guangcheng. When Chen Guangcheng, a blind man and a human rights defender, learned of family planning abuses in Linyi City, Shandong Province through his own investigation, he made public the CCP's practice of forced abortions and sterilizations. Chen voiced that a human being should be allowed to come out, to the country and the world. However, his single voice caused the whole Chinese communist regime to panic. Their reaction was not to stop the continuation of these crimes committed throughout the entire country, but to exert brutal persecution against the upright and brave hero Chen Guangcheng, along with his innocent wife, young son, and elderly mother in her seventies.

The CCP's birth control policy is the largest genocide in the history of mankind. Millions of unborn each year have lost of their lives simply because a few dictators made such a policy. (The Chinese regime officially released figures that the birth control policy has helped prevent 400 million births in the last 20 years). Common people who have not obeyed the policy have received extremely harsh punishment. The startling evidence of these excessive crimes by the CCP that blind Chen Guangcheng happened to "witness" and expose to the public—these are just a small fraction of the long list of the CCP's countless crimes.

In such cruel and inhuman ways, the CCP suppresses and persecutes the populace. Since Chen helped local villagers in their attempt to sue the local authorities in Linyi city for carrying out an illegal policy of forced abortions and sterilizations that reportedly affected thousands of local women, Chen has suffered severe beatings, illegal detentions, false accusations, and his family has also encountered endless harassment and persecution. The CCP has been criticized as being completely insane and inhumane, which is very true. The CCP has no regard for consequences and commits crimes at all costs. The CCP knows clearly to what an excessive and heinous extent it has committed crimes against humanity, the people, and the country, and that the atrocities are startling. On one hand, they continue to deceive people and commit crimes. On the other hand, the CCP covers its lies and crimes at any cost. The whole Party focuses its effort into covering up its lies and crimes, which is labeled as "political awareness" among all levels of government organizations and CCP committees.

Here I want to remind the ladies and gentlemen of the open letter to Hu Jintao, written by the prominent human rights defender Guo Feixiong's wife, which contains a detailed account of Guo's horrifying experience in a year-round prison. Guo is a human rights defender of complete integrity in both personality and conduct. His firm determination and persistence in his human rights work threw the communist regime into panic. In two years, Guo was detained three times, during which he had his first hunger strike for 40 days and second for 59 days. The letter revealed how the communist dictatorial system had blatantly tortured Guo against humanity and civilization:

"According to Guo's attorney Mo Shaoping, during a prison visit on September 29, 2006, Guo told Mo that he was subjected to around-the-clock interrogation for 13 days. Guo had gone on hunger strike for 15 days in protest against the torture he had received since his detainment on September 14, on suspicion of 'illegal business activity.'

"During his detention, he was subjected to physical abuse and was handcuffed and shackled to his bed for 42 days. Guo experienced the worst treatment after being transferred to a detention center in Shenyang City, Liaoning Province. There interrogators heavily beat him, shackled his hands behind his back, and sat him on a tiger bench or stool. As a result, overpressure from the torture damaged his shoulder joints. Even more brutally, the police, headed by Tao Zhongge and Yang Naixin, applied a high-voltage electric baton to his genitals. On August 7, Guo told his attorney that this brutality of viciously and

continuously striking his genitalia damaged his health and led to incurable injury on his body.

"All of this to us is just like nightmares that we cannot get away from. In the past two or three years, the precipitous, cruel reality around us has become the main theme of our lives. How can the world become so absurd, and where on Earth will it drive people to? If we hadn't personally experience the suffering and pain, we could not believe such incomprehensible things happen around us.

"President Hu Jintao, what I have seen is this: your face looks calm and smiling, shown along the headlines of major newspapers; your manner of statesmanship plays well in domestic and international news; moreover, you are often found to be associated with bright events and warm scenes. But here, at this moment, I have to tell you a story that one cannot bear to listen, as if it had happened in some other world.

"What is actually going on in my life? Why has all of this happened? Does the harmonious society people dream about and long for exist? How far is it from my life? How far are true human rights away from us? To the wrath and indignity of all, on February 12, 2007, they extorted a confession from Guo after they used electric batons to beat his genitals, but they were not quite satisfied. On the night of March 19, police officers dragged him into the secret place where he was interrogated the last time and reportedly beat him. They tortured him the same way they would treat a death row prisoner—with his face covered up and hands tied, they beat him fiercely; moreover, they reached the electric baton into his pants and struck his genitals for approximately five or six minutes continuously."

I'm not be able to see your facial expressions after you hear these stories of how Hu's regime treats people of conscience. Few people in China would be surprised about hearing such things. Indeed, this is because our government has conducted this savage behavior too much and for too long. Among both male and female Falun Gong practitioners I have been in contact with, the majority of them were tortured and humiliated through the assaulting or shocking of their reproductive organs with electric batons.

Since the beginning of this year, there have been large-scale forced abductions of appellants in Beijing, Shanghai, and other cities. The bloody violence occurring in broad daylight is shocking.

IV. Evil Conduct of Stealing People's Private Property

The Constitution of the Chinese communist regime also regards the protection of private property as a constitutional principle. However, for over half a century, the regime has conducted enormous and indescribable crimes against property owners. As stated by Jean-Jacques Rousseau, to build a country, people "need such a communion, use the group's strength to protect every member's life and property." The United States is fortunate in that legislators came into being after the War of Independence. China's disaster is that after the civil war, we became ruled under a militant, imperious regime that continues to steal people's property and whose evil habits have almost become its second nature.

Using property rental as an example, on January 18, 1956, the secretary of the CCP Central Committee stipulated a policy called "Management and Leasing of Properties (by Government)" which ordered private property owners to turn in their properties to the government. The government would then take control over the leasing and management of all these properties, giving a symbolic rent fee to the property owner at a shockingly low rate. This campaign affected 700 thousand households with the government taking over approximately 130 million square meters of private property. In Beijing alone, six thousand households were ordered to turn in their properties, which amounted to 199,1471/2 houses. It was later revealed that this round of plunder was another massive robbery of private property after the Land Reform and the Socialist Reform. However, this round of robbery was different from the two previous ones in two aspects. First, the constitution was already in place at the time; second, the government had issued a property ownership certificate for all these confiscated properties. Therefore, this very government showed another aspect of itself-being a rascal and scoundrel regime. As of now, it still occupies these properties and refuses to return them to their rightful owners. Most of these property owners suffered tremendously from the "Management and Leasing of Properties" policy.

Jinglun Ning's family used to own 18¹/₂ houses in Beijing, which were turned in to the government in 1958. When the official made a mistake when evaluating the rent, Jinglun, who was 17 at the time, voiced his opinion. As a result, he was branded as having "political problems" and was sentenced to four years plus four months' forced labor. His mother was held in a detention center for five days. During the Cultural Revolution, his father and elder brother were beaten to death, due to the issues arising from government "leasing and managing" of their houses. He himself was labeled as a counter-revolutionary, and was driven out of Beijing with his mother. These houses have not been returned to the family as of today. Lianfu Ma and his sister were two other residents in Beijing. Their parents passed away when they were still at a young age. They depended on the rental income from their inherited 161/2 houses to make a living. After the "Management and Leasing of Properties" campaign in 1958, the government only gave them 15.61 yuan per year in rent. As a result, they became homeless. Staff from Tiantanghe Farm forcibly took them to perform labor. It was not until 1992 did they return to Beijing, jobless and houseless. These two elderly people had suffered all kinds of sad plights. Even today, the government periodically puts them under house arrest during major festivals and CCP celebration events. Today, hundreds of thousands of victims of the "Management and Leasing of Properties" policy and their heirs are still struggling with difficulties on their way to appeal year-in and year-out. On December 15, 2006, the CCP's Construction Administration Department issued a No. [2006]208 document regarding housing, emphasizing that "properties confiscated under the 'Management and Leasing of Properties' policy are explicitly owned by the state. Ownership status must not be changed." The document also instructed local authorities to pay attention to these properties as they are "political" issues and "sensitive" in nature. It reads: "For issues related to these properties, no one is allowed to conduct interviews or report these issues without approval from the Construction Administration Department." Millions of people's ownership rights to their properties were thus denied by part of an unconstitutional document.

In today's China, those who are in power are indeed worthless in terms of virtue and conscience. More horrible than the fact that they are worthless in terms of virtue and conscience is that they gained power precisely due to their lack of virtue and conscience. The rich do not even spare a tiny portion of their wealth to benefit society. They are more concerned about maintaining the status quo than changing it. They colluded with a political clique despised by all and respected by none. They use the excuse that their parent's generation had made indescribable accomplishments to justify today's dictatorship, grasping and protecting their privileges in a die-hard manner. The barrels of guns, police, and prisons are all that account for their "spiritual" wealth. Without virtue or conscience, they stop at no evil; they do not even have a bottom line when committing evil. They never concern themselves with how negatively people will evaluate them and hate them, because they can resort to the above-mentioned "spiritual" wealth. The massive and common hatred against this political clique constitutes another "possession" in their life, on top of all their existing evilness.

In the last 15 years, this political clique forcibly tore down civilians' private houses to the extent of being completely irrational. They have forcibly torn down countless houses of the poor; it is no different than stripping the clothes off a person suffering poverty in the cold of winter. Their crimes do not just stop here. For a long time, they have combated the appeals and accusations of the victims relentlessly by means of terror and duress.

Take Shanghai as an example. For over a decade, courageous local citizens went to Beijing, one group after another, to expose the crimes of Ju Huang, Liangyu Chen, Zheng Han, Yungeng Liu, Zhiming Wu, and others. Many of them lost their lives in doing so; many endured illegal surveillance, home ransacking, detention, forced labor, imprisonment, being sent to mental hospitals, harassment, having their phones tapped, and all kinds of suppression. Recently, 215 courageous Shanghai citizens, including the renowned human rights lawyer Enchong Zheng, wrote an open letter to the CCP's chairman Hu Jintao, enumerating the crimes committed by the political clique in Shanghai that had harmed people's personal rights and property rights to the extreme. They wrote in their open letter: "By hook or by crook, they drove 2.8 million Shanghai citizens from the center of the city to the suburban area, and forcibly confiscated the farm land and tore down the residences originally belonging to one million farmers in the suburbs. For more than a decade, Shanghai has been the origin and center of forceful land appropriation and coercive residence teardowns to force people to move. In the past two years alone, the city government of Shanghai organized 4,000 cadres from the appeals office to serve as a large-scale "blocking" force to prevent victims from appealing; the government also organized a "roughneck team" to commit violence against civilians in order to implement the city's plan to appropriate land. Civilians' bodies were brutalized; sometimes their lives were taken away; all channels to appeal were completed blocked. Since 2006, citizens beaten to death include Huimin Duan, Ronglin Du, Rong Dai, Xiaoming Chen, and others. Some were detained in mental hospitals where they suffered severe mental torture. In this two-year period, civilians who have had their homes ransacked include Dahua Zhou, Yalian Ma, and 14 other families, including two anonymous families. Mentally sound

individuals who were held in mental hospitals include Xinjuan Liu (detained six times), Chunxiang Lu (detained twice), and Lingling Hong (still detained as of now). So far, in 2007, three people have been beaten to death. They were Huimin Duan, Xiaoming Chen, and Dahua Zhou.

V. The Environmental Disaster Will Block Chinese— One Quarter of the World Population's Future

We do not ignore some of the economic success the Chinese Communist Party has "accomplished" in certain forms, but these "accomplishments" are at the cost of destroying human justice, morals, and conscience. In 2005, the Environmental Bureau Director said, If our environmental protection measures could not closely follow economic developments, our economic miracle would end. The economic miracle is turning into real life disasters. The blue green algae incident in Taihu Lake (located in Wuxi City, Jiangsu Province) proved that the CCP does not care if there is water to drink tomorrow, as long as there is GDP today. The energy consumption for each 10,000 yuan of production in China is seven times higher than that in Japan, and three times higher than in India. A quarter of the land in China has been turned into desert, at a rate of 1,900 square miles more desert per year. According to a Xinhua News Agency report, ninety percent of the underground water is polluted in most cities. Seventy-five percent of the water flowing through the cities is not suitable for drinking, and the fish in it are not suitable for eating. The environmental protection measures are window dressing in form, just like the window dressing style economy. It is even more hopeless that small rivers and lakes covering the whole country are all unbelievably polluted. These small bodies of water are the foundation of the nation's environment, but they are not included in the protection list.

VI. Farmers

The economic development did not widely benefit the farmers. Most countrysides are still poor and are unimaginably underdeveloped. Even though there is no more farming tax, this tax was merely one of the reasons for the poverty. Its cancellation did not help reduce the degree of poorness. Chinese Law says that the farming fields all belong to the State or the Group, while the group is totally controlled by the State power. The logic is: "The State owns the fields, the CCP rules the State, and the CCP is run by the bureaucrats." Therefore, the CCP bureaucrats are the biggest landlord, because they own all the fields in China. Millions of farmers in China labor all of their lives on these fields, but do not own any of it. This is extremely unfair.

Currently in China, there are 120 million city laborers who are countryside residents. They are the biggest slave group in human history. They are not treated with dignity. They have to do hard labor in very severe conditions and are only paid \$1.50 or less per day. Even with such low salaries, payment is often delayed by employers. Although there are more than 100 million farmers laboring in the cities, they are deprived of the right to form unions and can only face the corrupted government powers individually. Obviously, they form an extremely weak social group in front of the strong government, which is the fundamental

reason why they are encroached upon.

After the June 4th massacre happened in 1989, corruption accelerated. The economic reform, led by corrupted officials, followed a phenomenon of ignoring lower-level people's benefits everywhere. The majority of Chinese are farmers, farmer city laborers, early retired workers, and other groups that are weak and helpless. During the "Medicare Reform," seventy percent of Chinese were excluded from the system. Expensive medical costs deprived them of the possibility of visiting a doctor. Hence, tragedies happened in quite a lot of the countryside. Elderly people would commit suicide to solve their illness problems. The "Enterprise Education" after 1989 also manifested into severely harming the lower-level people's rights. Even though there was supposed to be nine years of "free" education, there was a lack of State financial support in many regions. High tuition caused middle and higher education to become a nightmare to lower-level people. The increasingly corrupted State Power monopolized the education system and made education into a money machine of the academic bureaucrats. At the same time, in order to pay children's tuition, the lower-level parents are squeezed out every last penny and down to their last drop of energy, many suicides happened to parents as soon as their children were admitted into a college. The government statistics showed that the bureaucrat group used 400 billion yuan of State funds each year on banquets, another 400 billion yuan on touring, and another 400 billion yuan on public-owned vehicles.

VII. Extremely Unjust Legal System

Today, the unjust, extremely illegal behavior of the corrupted legal agencies and officials is seen, such as issuing documents to block citizens from safeguarding their human rights to echoing State powers to rob the people. The agencies are not allowed to accept cases regarding the forceful destruction of personal housing, not allowed to accept cases of farmers losing their fields, not allowed to accept cases about government-managed private rental housing, not allowed to accept cases for retired military personnel, not allowed to handle early retirement cases, not allowed to process Falun Gong cases... There is no bottom line to safeguard legal matters. Typical examples are happening in Hebei Province and Inner-Mongolia Autonomous Region such as Mr. Nie Shubin's murder. In order to cover the crime, the legal system refused to chase the true killer. The legal personnel's humanity and morals are lower than the murderer's.

VIII. Daily Disasters Are Common

People suffer disasters on a daily basis. For instance reported on August 30, 2007, on *Nanfang Zhoumo* (Southern Weekends): On July 29, flooding in the Sanmenxia Coal mine in Henan Province, trapped 69 miners underground. On August 14, 2007, the Fenghuang Bridge in Hunan Province, which was still under construction, collapsed and killed 64. On August 17, flooding in the Huayuan Coal Mine in Xintai City, Shandong Province, trapped 172 miners underground and they have still not been rescued today, more than 30 days later. They are given no chance to survive. On August 19, 2007, Zouping County Aluminum Factory had an explosion where 16 workers died. On August 30, 2007, a small

coal mine in Fangshan District, Beijing City had a collapse, and the local government decided to stop all rescue efforts in less than 48 hours. Shockingly, the local government officials even ordered local people to stop their own rescue efforts. Mr. Liu Guojun and others were locked up to prevent them from conducting their own rescue, until two trapped workers walked out alive. These two survived after 132 hours by drinking each other's urine. Many people were sarcastic about the incident. It was a good thing that these two workers did not know that the government decided to not allow anyone to rescue them, otherwise, their escape under the "scientifically correct" decision to stop the rescue was illegal.

Dear ladies and gentlemen, the CCP government has deprived my right to speak or write for more than one year using the lowest possible means. I am filled with emotion now that I am finally holding my pen. I have a faith: The above crimes truly exist, and have violated the justice and freedom of the whole human race, including yours. I truly believe you all have the same faith, and believe whoever does nothing in front of such truth has given up human sensibility and responsibility. I truly believe that you all know, like we do, that the western politics and economy are all sacrificing values in exchange for surface benefits. I truly believe you are all like me, longing to work on lifting up human principles, changing the tyranny, stopping the evil, and ending humanity's embarrassment. I truly believe you all, like myself, recognize the dictatorship and its special inheritance to later generations is equal to passing on Chinese people as their privately-owned livestock. The reason they receive such inheritance is not due to their ability or virtue, but their lack of virtue. If this reality does not change quickly, it is insulting to human rationality. You all must believe, like myself, that to satisfy the evil totalitarian's request to host the Olympic games is a dark event on the history of the Olympics, and puts shame on the whole human race.

My dear ladies and gentlemen, writing this letter is a heavy thing. If these crimes only happened once or several times, I believe each one of you would be as angry as I am. In today's China, these inhuman tragedies have become a common situation that is happening all over the country, many people have become used to it, and are indifferent. The reason the CCP can sustain its power, is by purposely attacking our conscience with violence, and numbing our conscience with lies. It is eroding our virtue on a daily basis, to expand passive support from people's helpless minds. It lowered a portion of people's moral bottom line to defend its violence, so that its power is stabilized. Today, the CCP is expanding its moral corruption strategy to the whole world. If the Olympics are held by the CCP, it will mean the success of the CCP's global moral corruption.

My dear ladies and gentlemen, a society has its protection mechanism to avoid huge sin through morals, laws, media, checks and balances, supervision, etc. because everyone wishes to live in peace, and not in terror. When we witness those crimes against humanity happening all over the country, and those evil deeds challenging people's basic senses in the legal system, media, and the environment, we have no choice but to admit to our selves that our social protection mechanism is completely destroyed. The force destroying the mechanism and keeping it from rebuilding is the Chinese Communist Party (CCP). If you wonder about me, as a lawyer, from the standpoint of the legal system, I must remind you directly, nobody is more eagerly longing for the justice of the legal system, but every day the CCP exists is a day that is impossible to see justice.

Dear ladies and gentlemen, Dr. Martin Luther King said,

"Injustice anywhere is a threat to justice everywhere." (Martin Luther King, Jr., Letter From A Birmingham Jail, April 16, 1963)

The CCP's logic on this subject is backwards. For them, "Justice anywhere is a threat to injustice everywhere." Even when justice does not want to be hostile to the evil, the evil will take justice as its enemy, because the existence of justice will block the path of evildoers.

Dear ladies and gentlemen, there is both sadness and hope existing in China now. The sad part is, officials work together to rob common people's fortunes, bribery is from the bottom to the top, and the higher levels are protecting the lower level's crimes. The Chinese society is in a sick state like an ecological system, tolerating mistakes, self-adjusting, self-tolerating, and self-organizing. This sick, balancing ecological chain has become the support of the CCP doing evil without yet being pushed down by the people. No matter what beautiful wishes Hu Jintao and Wen Jiabao have, they do not have the strength to change as individuals. The hopeful part is whether it is Falun Gong or Christians, they are rebuilding morals through their faith. They are changing the destiny of China through their peaceful protest of the CCP's tyranny, and becoming the foundation of the future China developing and becoming stable. Anyone who wishes to deal with China should not ignore this force.

Dear ladies and gentlemen, changing China seems very hard, because the CCP is carrying an unbearable debt of 80 million lives killed. It is more unforgivable than the Nazis. Just because it knows this, it killed those students who requested democracy around June 4, 1989. On the other hand, changing China is easy, that is, through the moral awakening in every person. You can do a lot in this regard. If you can use your actions, not just words, to support those free media outlets to expose the CCP's crimes, support those efforts to break the CCP's Internet blockade and send the truth to mainland China, support those organizations who peacefully bid farewell to the CCP to regain self conscience, China will change very soon.

My dear ladies and gentlemen, you have the ability to take action now to stop all of the CCP's crimes against humanity. Just like President Reagan said, "If not us, who? And if not now, when?"

Finally, I want to quote the words from the 32nd President of the United States, Franklin Delano Roosevelt, in his 1941 State Address as the ending of my letter:

"In the future days, which we seek to make secure, we look forward to a world founded upon four essential human freedoms.

The first is freedom of speech and expression—everywhere in the world.

The second is freedom of every person to worship God in his own way—everywhere in the world.

The third is freedom from want—which, translated into world terms, means economic understandings which will secure to every nation a healthy peacetime life for its inhabitants—everywhere in the world.

The fourth is freedom from fear."

When I finished this letter, I heard President Bush decided to join the Olympics next year. Pardon my manner here, but I want to shout out, Mr. President, What are you doing? Have you looked at how President Reagan handled the 1988 Seoul Olympics? I want to remind my friends here as well, I hope my friends in the Congress, both the Senate and the House, can establish [democratic] standards for human civilization like those raised during the 1988 Seoul Olympics.

Jesus said, "Do unto others as you would have them do unto you!" Those struggling in the CCP prisons, those crying under the CCP's torture, those wandering around in desperate plight to avoid mistreatment, need your help. When the CCP welcomes world leaders with gun salutes, the red carpet, and champagne; when you are amazed by the "prosperous" views created by the skyscrapers and brilliant night lights in Beijing and Shanghai, I wish you would think of those suffering people. May God bless America, may God give each person justice, responsibility, and firm determination, may the light of freedom shine upon China proper, let evil have no place to hide, and may the mistreated no longer be in pain.

Sincerely, Wishing ladies and gentlemen peace and health!

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