

By Senator Baxley

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Senate Memorial

A memorial to the President and Congress of the United States, urging the President and Congress to condemn the People's Republic of China for its practice of forcibly removing human organs for transplant and to adopt certain legislation and policies that hold China accountable for such human rights violations.

WHEREAS, for nearly two decades, the communist regime of the People's Republic of China has engaged in the vile practice of forcibly removing human organs for transplant, and

WHEREAS, on June 17, 2019, the Independent Tribunal Into Forced Organ Harvesting from Prisoners of Conscience in China released its final judgment finding that China's communist regime, for decades, has practiced systematic forced organ removal from prisoners of conscience, including Falun Gong practitioners, Tibetan Buddhists, House Church Christians, and the Uyghurs, and

WHEREAS, China has welcomed an influx of transplant tourism whereby individuals critically in need of transplants pay thousands of dollars for one of the 60,000 to 90,000 transplant surgeries conducted each year, with the number of transplants far exceeding the number of voluntary organ donations in the country, and

WHEREAS, a transplant patient in the United States is typically placed on the waiting list for an organ that may not be available for months, Chinese hospitals schedule transplants of major organs within 2 weeks, suggesting nefarious foreknowledge regarding the circumstances surrounding the

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30 donation of these organs, and

31 WHEREAS, in July 1999, the Chinese Communist Party launched
32 an intensive, nationwide persecution of Falun Gong, a spiritual
33 practice centered on the values of truthfulness, compassion, and
34 tolerance, and

35 WHEREAS, in 2015, Freedom House, a nonprofit,
36 nongovernmental organization, reported that Falun Gong
37 practitioners are the primary victims of forced organ removal
38 and face an elevated risk of dying or being killed while
39 imprisoned, and

40 WHEREAS, on July 20, 2020, then-Secretary of State Michael
41 R. Pompeo denounced 21 years of persecution of Falun Gong
42 practitioners by China's communist regime, and

43 WHEREAS, the United Nations Committee Against Torture and
44 the Special Rapporteur on Torture and Other Cruel, Inhuman or
45 Degrading Treatment or Punishment have called on the Chinese
46 government to account for the sources of organs used in its
47 transplant practices, and

48 WHEREAS, several organizations have called for the
49 imposition of sanctions on Chinese medical authorities for
50 China's transplant practices, and

51 WHEREAS, the parliaments of Canada and the European Union,
52 as well as the United States House of Representatives Committee
53 on Foreign Affairs, have adopted resolutions condemning organ
54 harvesting from prisoners of conscience, and

55 WHEREAS, it is imperative to join the international outcry
56 against this major violation of human rights by the People's
57 Republic of China, NOW, THEREFORE,

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59 Be It Resolved by the Legislature of the State of Florida:

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61 That the President and Congress of the United States are
62 urged to condemn the People's Republic of China for its practice
63 of forcibly removing human organs for transplant and to adopt
64 legislation and policies that prohibit collaboration between
65 American medical and pharmaceutical companies and any Chinese
66 counterparts linked to forced organ harvesting, that ban
67 individuals who have participated in the unethical removal of
68 human tissues and organs from entering the United States, and
69 that provide for the prosecution of such individuals.

70 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this memorial be
71 dispatched to the President of the United States, to the
72 President of the United States Senate, to the Speaker of the
73 United States House of Representatives, and to each member of
74 the Florida delegation to the United States Congress.