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HR 1503--Stop Forced Organ Harvesting Act of 2025

I am pleased to represent the International Coalition to End Transplant Abuse in China, known as "End Transplant Abuse in China," or ETAC, as a member of the International Advisory Board. We are an international coalition of lawyers, academics, ethicists, medical professionals, researchers and human rights advocates.

ETAC strongly endorses H.R.1503. We're deeply grateful to Representative Smith and Representative Keating for their leadership in re-introducing this important bill. In 2023, the Stop Organ Harvesting Act of 2023 passed the House by a margin of 413 - 2. We are confident that this bipartisan support will continue today, when the House votes on H.R.1503.

In 2018, ETAC asked Sir Geoffrey Nice to chair a legal review of the evidence regarding the organ transplant industry in China, and the concerns that prisoners were the main source of organs, including political prisoners on a large scale. The China Tribunal delivered its final judgment in 2019 in London, nearly 6 years ago. The Tribunal concluded that forced organ harvesting was, quote, "a long-term practice in the PRC." The final judgement also concluded that, quote, "beyond reasonable doubt," "forced organ harvesting from prisoners of conscience has occurred."

It is very encouraging to note support across the Congress. Rep. Neal Dunn has also introduced a bill, the Block Organ Transplant Purchases from China Act, to stop insurance companies from covering surgeries involving forced organ harvesting. As Dr. Dunn said in his press release, "Communist Party authorities regularly target Uyghurs and other ethnic and religious minorities in China for this barbaric practice." Co-sponsor Congressman Gus Bilirakis emphasized that Congress must act to block the marketplace for the ill-gotten organs."

Congressman Smith -- it's incredible to recall that it was more than 25 years ago, when you chaired a hearing where a Chinese security official testified that he and other security agents were executing prisoners to harvest their organs for transplantation. Your dedication to ending these despicable crimes is inspirational to us all.

The Stop Forced Organ Harvesting Act of 2023 is a key policy tool to punish and deter atrocity crimes. It is past time for the US, and other countries, to impose sanctions on anyone who is involved in human trafficking for the purpose of organ harvesting.

We also need to put pressure on universities to stop training transplant doctors who practice in China. We need to stop medical journals from helping scientists to promote their careers, when they publish scientific papers using data from harvested organ transplants.

In short, it is unacceptable to continue “business as usual” with the transplant profession in China, when the state has set up a transplant industry that is carrying out systematic human rights crimes.

On behalf of ETAC, I’d like to thank the U.S. Congress, and the wide coalition of civil society voices represented here, for standing up to end complicity. Thanks to you all.