

Congress of the United States
House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515-0902

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The Honorable Antony Blinken
Secretary
U.S. Department of State
2201 C St NW
Washington, DC 20520

Dear Secretary Blinken,

We write to express deep concern about the organ harvesting of minorities—including Falun Gong practitioners, Uyghurs, Tibetans, Muslims, and Christians—wrongfully detained in China. According to United Nations human rights experts, this practice “involves health sector professionals, including surgeons, anesthetists and other medical specialists.”¹ Chinese doctors and healthcare professionals who have participated in organ harvesting—a crime against humanity as defined by the International Criminal Court²—should not be allowed to enter the United States and we urge the U.S. Department of State (State) to take immediate action to ensure that it restricts these actors from earning immigration status in the United States.

The China Tribunal—an independent organization investigating the practice of forced organ harvesting in China—published its final judgment in March 2020. The Tribunal found—beyond reasonable doubt—that the “forced organ harvesting from prisoners of conscience has been practiced for a substantial period of time involving a very substantial number of victims.”³ Additionally, *The American Journal of Transplantation*—the world’s preeminent transplant journal—published a paper that found the cause of death for many organ donors in China was the organ retrieval process itself, not brain death or other natural causes.⁴ Indeed, despite claims from Chinese authorities that it only sources organs from voluntary donors, Chinese hospitals

¹ *China: UN human rights excerpts alarmed by ‘organ harvesting’ allegations*, UNITED NATIONS OFFICE OF THE HIGH COMMISSIONER, (June 14, 2021) available at www.ohchr.org/en/press-releases/2021/06/china-un-human-rights-experts-alarmed-organ-harvesting-allegations.

² Sir Geoffrey Nice QC et al., *Judgment, THE INDEPENDENT TRIBUNAL INTO FORCED ORGAN HARVESTING FROM PRISONERS OF CONSCIENCE* (Mar. 1, 2020) available at www.chinatribunal.com/wp-content/uploads/2020/03/ChinaTribunal_JUDGMENT_1stMarch_2020.pdf.

³ *Short form conclusion of summary judgment*, CHINA TRIBUNAL (June 17, 2019) available at www.chinatribunal.com/wp-content/uploads/2020/02/China-Tribunal-SHORT-FORM-CONCLUSION_Final.pdf.

⁴ Ali Iqbal & Aliya Khan, *Analysis: Killing prisoners for transplants: Forced organ harvesting in China*, BRIGHTER WORLD MCMASTER UNIVERSITY (July 29, 2022) available at www.brighterworld.mcmaster.ca/articles/analysis-killing-prisoners-for-transplants-forced-organ-harvesting-in-china/.

have performed many times more transplants than the highest estimates of ethically available donors can account for—according to the National Institutes of Health (NIH).⁵

Evidence suggests that some medical practitioners in China are forcing organ harvesting procedures on the most vulnerable populations in China and those who perform these acts have no place in the United States. We urge State to take immediate and swift action to prevent these medical practitioners from entering the United States and ensure that prior offenders have not already immigrated—possibly operating on American citizens today.

Given the seriousness of this issue respectfully ask the following questions:

1. Do you share our strong concerns about the organ harvesting of minorities within China?
2. Is State currently investigating medical practitioners who are applying for visa applicant into the United States?
3. Over the last 5 years, how many medical practitioners from China have applied for entry into the U.S.?
4. How many visa applications from medical practitioners from China have been considered in this time period?
5. How many visa applications from medical practitioners from China were accepted in this time period?
6. How many visa applications from medical practitioners from China were denied in this time period?
7. What qualifiers are used to decide who gains entry?
8. What is your plan to prevent the Chinese Communist Party's organ harvesting crimes against humanity?

Thank you for your attention to this important matter and prompt reply.

Sincerely,



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Member of Congress



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⁵ Alan Šučur & Srećko Gajović, *Nobel Peace Prize nomination for Doctors Against Forced Organ Harvesting (DAFOH) – a recognition of upholding ethical practices in medicine*, NIH NATIONAL LIBRARY OF MEDICINE (June 2016) available at www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pmc/articles/PMC4937230/.