

HCR 309

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Importance: High

TO: Senator English, Chair
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RE: STRONG SUPPORT for HCR309

Good afternoon. As a Domestic Violence Survivor Advocate, I would like to urge this committee to show it's full support for HCR309 that denounces the violations of human rights in Tibet.

I know how unpopular it is to take a stand against someone you have no independent desire to challenge, but once an atrocity has been brought to attention, it behooves us as human beings to respond. To look the other way and ignore the human rights violations that are being made known in Tibet makes us no better than those who are inflicting the harm if we do not speak out about it because we can do something about it and speaking out about it is the first step to corrective action. Even if we're not successful at every attempt, the point is that we TRIED, we responded - we did **something**.

HCR309 is not asking for a declaration of war against China; it is simply sending the message "We see you, we see what you're doing and it is WRONG". As simple as this sounds, "Cease and desist" only becomes a possibility once it is spoken so it needs to be said.

Please say something about the human rights violations occurring in Tibet by supporting this measure. Thank you for your time and consideration.

Respectfully,

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Domestic Violence Survivor Advocate

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