

**Testimony In Support of HCR 45, March 10, 2014**

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I am writing in support of HCR 45 that expresses concerns for China's elicit non-consenting organ harvesting, targeting Falun Gong practitioners and other prisoners of conscience.

As a China scholar, as well as someone who has personal knowledge about China's violation of human rights, I have been following the reports on organ harvesting in China with grave concerns. It is well known that the Chinese government harvested organs from death row prisoners started in the 1980s; a less known atrocity is the harvesting of organs from live prisoners of conscience, especially Falun Gong practitioners. Evidence and reports have emerged since 2006 that the Chinese government kept concentration camps and each incarcerated thousands of Falun Gong practitioners. The organs of these prisoners were harvested against their will and sold to organ transplantation for huge profits.

A major investigation on this was conducted by the Canadian human rights lawyer David Matas and former Canadian Secretary of State David Kilgour, who, over the years, have gathered mounting evidence about China's state-sanctioned organ harvesting. Their research, published in a book "*Bloody Harvest*" in 2009, confirms that tens of thousand of Falun Gong practitioners have fallen victims of organ harvesting. The authors call the crime a form of evil "new to this planet."

Other reports have corroborated with the above study, and some key information has been included in the text of HCR 45. Let me elaborate on one piece of evidence for this illicit organ harvesting: The alarmingly short wait time in organ transplant. Last year, I met a woman in Honolulu who a kidney transplanted. She waited for nearly 5 years for a matching kidney, and she said that she was lucky since others had to wait longer. Hospitals in China, in comparison, promised 2-4 weeks' wait time to find a matching kidney for a transplant patient. This information is alarming: without a live bank (i.e., live people waiting to be killed for their organs), there is simply no way for an organ transplant to be planned, and in such a short time!

HCR 45 cites thorough physical exams given to Falun Gong practitioners in Chinese prisons as they became targets of organ harvesting. Just three months ago, as a host of "Asia in Review" show at ThinkTech Hawaii media, I interviewed a Chinese Falun Gong practitioner, Jennifer Zeng, now living in LA, who recounted personal story of undergoing these physical exams while she was imprisoned in a Chinese labor camp, narrowly escaping organ harvesting.

Four years ago, I wrote in support of Hawaii HB28 and HB29 that restrict the sale and display of dead human bodies in Hawaii. At that time, one of my concerns was the illicit source of human bodies coming from China. Both HB28 and HB29 passed the Hawaii legislature.

The concern expressed in HCR 45 is long overdue, and its passing will send a strong signal to the world that brutality and violation of human life should not be tolerated by humanity.



**HCR45**

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Hong Nelson	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Please help STOP the live organ harvesting of Falun Gong Practitioners in China!

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Dear Representatives in Judiciary Committee,

I am writing to support HCR 45.

Growing up in China and being brainwashed under the propaganda of the CCP, coming to the U.S. to pursue my ph.d. degree in Education, while being exposed to true and objective information of China and the CCP, I thought I knew quite well the evil nature of this party. However, when I heard the phone recording of a former policeman's testimony in 2009, I was still overwhelmingly shocked and deeply ... no words can describe my hurting feelings at that time.

This man was the armed guard in the room while two surgeons cut a woman's chest open while she was still alive. That was the year of 2002. This woman was a high school teacher and a Falun Gong practitioner. No Anesthetics were applied. The organ harvesting took place in a Military hospital in Shenyang, a city where I grew up. And this guard is obviously my hometown fellow judging from the familiar accent. The operation began at 5 p.m. and lasted 3 hours. The last words he heard from this woman were, "Falun Dafa (another name for Falun Gong) is good!" Feeling tortured inside, this former guard spoke up six years later.

His recording is available at the website of the World Organization to Investigate the Persecution of Falun Gong (WOIPFG).

This female Falun Gong practitioner was only one of thousands of practitioners who were killed for their organs. As a teacher myself, after hearing this testimony, I couldn't remain silent anymore. As those who attack goodness are bound to be evil, and evil fears to be exposed. Please pass HCR 45. And let join the worldwide efforts to stop the killing in China of innocents for their organs.

Sincerely

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I am writing in support of HCR No. 45. The overwhelming evidence of state sponsored forced organ harvesting of Falun Gong practitioners over the last decade is abhorrent. Thousands of confirmed deaths are documented in The Kilgour-Matas Report, an independent report by Canadian MP and human rights lawyer, which was published in 2006 and found "there has been, and continues today to be, large-scale organ seizures from unwilling Falun Gong practitioners". It is important as a western beacon of democracy, truth, and justice that we act on a legislative level to show the people of Hawaii and the people of this country that this type of behavior is unacceptable. I grew up Jewish. For me throughout years and years of Hebrew School learning we have a saying that goes deep into the ethos of what it means to be Jewish, we say time and time again "Never Again". This of course refers to the Holocaust. However, today in China we have a Holocaust level of brutality that has caused thousands and thousands of confirmed and documented deaths (and tens of thousands or more which are suspected) as a direct result of forced organ harvesting. This level of brutality is almost unimaginable, but for countless families whose loved ones have been murdered as a result of this torture it is a living nightmare of reality. It is beyond important for this chamber to support this bill and vote with their conscience and goodness. Thank you for your time.

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March 27, 2014

Representative Karl Rhoads, Chair  
House Judiciary Committee  
Conference Room 325  
State Capitol  
415 South Beretania Street  
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RE: HCR 45, Senate JUD Committee, Hearing on Friday 3/28/14, 2pm, Conference Room 325.

Dear Representative Rhoads,

I am submitting this written testimony in support of HCR 45.

As a resident of Honolulu, I am in support of HCR 45 due to my firm conviction that the human rights violation of organ harvesting has indeed been promulgated against practitioners of Falun Gong in China since 1999. At the federal level a similar resolution HR 281 awaits going to the floor of the US House of Representatives for a vote. HR 281 has a large number of co-sponsors, 166, with broad bipartisan support from both Democrats and Republicans. A link for US HR 281 is <http://www.scribd.com/doc/150496481/House-Resolution-281>.

Organ harvesting is the removal of a person's organs while they are still alive resulting in their death in order to do an organ transplant. This reportedly has been done to at least 65,000 Falun Gong practitioners since the year 2000. In the US, waiting for an organ donation usually takes years, while in China the wait has often been as short as a couple of weeks, as they have plenty of live healthy bodies from which to choose. This is done clearly to make a quick profit. Since knowledge of this heinous practice became public in 2006, the Chinese medical centers have stopped their advertising yet have continued the practice.

A brief historical summary of the persecution of Falun Gong in China may be helpful. Falun Gong, also referred to as Falun Dafa, is an ancient mind-body practice that was always handed down individually from teacher to student until the current modern day father of Falun Gong, Teacher Li, made it public in 1992. It is a practice rooted in Buddhism and Taoism that combines Qi Gong exercises and meditation, as well as practicing "cultivation of the heart" which means living by the principles of "Truth, Compassion, and Tolerance." For more information see: [www.falundafa.org](http://www.falundafa.org)

By 1999 the Chinese government estimated that there were between 70 to 100 million practitioners in China and only 65 million Communist Party members. Consequently, the Chinese Communist Party (CCP) feared that practitioners would one day become political, and after all, the CCP has not been practicing "Truth, Compassion, and Tolerance" over the years. Thus, the CCP outlawed Falun Gong and started to arrest and imprison anyone found to be practicing or disseminating information about the practice. In order to get practitioners to

denounce their practice, the CCP began using torture. While similar to the early Christians who were thrown to the lions for refusing to renounce their spiritual beliefs, Falun Gong practitioners not only face persecution and possible death, but also face torture in order that they turn in fellow practitioners including family and friends. In addition, the CCP has disseminated much disinformation and lies about Falun Gong and its practitioners within and outside China.

Evidence shows that organ harvesting of Falun Gong practitioners began in the year 2000 when the number of organ transplants in China grew substantially. While HCR 45 does include some documentation, the book *Bloody Harvest: Organ Harvesting of Falun Gong Practitioners In China* documents the overwhelming evidence. This was written by David Matas, a Canadian international human rights lawyer and David Kilgour, a former member of Parliament and former Secretary of State of the Government of Canada for the Asia Pacific region. Most notably, their thorough research demonstrates that organ transplants performed in China more than tripled in the six year period 2000 to 2005 over the previous six years once the persecution of Falun Gong began. Their evidence indicates that practitioners are known to be killed after their organs are harvested.

In conclusion, I see this as an opportunity for the voice of the Hawaii State Legislature to be heard on behalf of human rights and against the atrocity of organ harvesting of Falun Gong practitioners in China. To do so is to stand with the likes of Nelson Mandela, Martin Luther King, and Mahatma Gandhi for human rights. It is by bringing human rights violations into the light that they can be stopped in the world. The State of Hawaii can play a role in this endeavor.

I appreciate the opportunity to submit my testimony in support of HCR 45.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

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March 28, 2014

TO: Representative Karl Rhoads, Chair  
Representative Sharon Har, Vice Chair and  
Members of the Committee on Judiciary

**LATE**

FROM: Jeanne Y. Ohta, Co-Chair

RE: HCR 12/HR 7 Requesting the UH to affirm commitment to Title IX  
Hearing: Friday, March 28, 2014, 2:00 p.m., Room 325

POSITION: STRONG SUPPORT

The Hawai'i State Democratic Women's Caucus writes in strong support of HCR 12 and HR 7 which requests the University of Hawai'i to affirm their commitment to upholding the tenets of Title IX and the Violence Against Women Act 2013 and the University of Hawai'i's dedication to ending all forms of sexual violence on Hawaii campuses through a report on the status of Title IX and Violence Against Women Act 2013 policies, procedures, staffing, and statistics.

The Violence Against Women Reauthorization Act (VAWA), specifically its Campus Sexual Violence Act provision, Section 304, imposes new rules that require institutional overhaul and renewed commitment to compliance on college campuses and calls for accountability from the University of Hawai'i.

HR 7 and HRC 12 call for UH to review and modify their current policies to ensure full compliance with the law—both Title IX and latest reauthorization of VAWA.

Although Title IX prohibits discrimination on the basis of sex by any education program receiving federal funding and protects all students regardless of their gender from sexual violence and harassment, UH students face continued sexual violence on campus.

According to campus reports issued in compliance with the Clery Act, UH Manoa reported 11 forcible sex offenses in 2012. Systemwide, the number was 11. In 2011, Manoa reported 12 assaults and systemwide there were 16 reported. The Clery Act requires annual reporting of statistics for various criminal offenses including sexual assault, however, Kauai and Leeward campuses did not issue reports the last two years.

Among the requirements of VAWA, effective March 7, 2014, UH must report domestic violence, dating violence, and stalking, beyond crime categories the Clery Act already mandates; adopt certain student discipline procedures, such as notifying purported victims of their rights; implement new policies concerning victims procedures; and recognize "national origin" and gender identity to hate crime categories to be reported under the Clery Act.

The recognition of “national origin” is especially important because of the number of foreign students on Hawaii’s campuses. These students are alone in a foreign country, living in unfamiliar surroundings and in a different culture, which makes them especially vulnerable to sexual harassment and dating violence. It is important that policies and procedures are placed to prevent their exploitation and to keep them safe from violence.

The Hawai‘i State Democratic Women’s Caucus is a catalyst for progressive, social, economic, and political change through action on critical issues facing Hawaii’s women and girls. It is because of this mission, the Women’s Caucus supports this measure.

The Caucus has been concerned about violence against women on the UH campuses for almost a decade and has advocated for the improvement of campus policies and procedures. We have found the UH administration to be unresponsive to our concerns. We hope these new requirements will result in safer campuses for all students.

Thank you for this opportunity to provide testimony.

# LATE TESTIMONY

I am writing in support of HCR No. 45.

Evidence showed Chinese Communist Party controlled regime committed forced live organ harvesting of Falun Gong practitioners in China over the last decade. Thousands of confirmed deaths are documented in The Kilgour-Matas Report, an independent report by Canadian MP and human rights lawyer, which was published in 2006 and found "there has been, and continues today to be, large-scale organ seizures from unwilling Falun Gong practitioners".

As a Chinese American I can freely practice Falun Gong in US, however, my fellow Falun Gong practitioners have been persecuted since 1999 in China and many of them were tortured with live human organ harvesting and killed. This is a crime that has never happened in this planet.

It is important as a western beacon of democracy, truth, and justice that we act on a legislative level to show the people of Hawaii and the people of this country that this type of behavior is unacceptable.

This level of brutality is almost unimaginable, but for countless families whose loved ones have been murdered as a result of this torture it is a living nightmare of reality. It is beyond important for this chamber to support this resolution and vote with their conscience and goodness

Thank you for your attention

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