

**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.



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RE: HCR 45, VMI Committee, Hearing on Wednesday, 3/12/14, 8:30am, Conference Room 312.

Dear Representative Takai,

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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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 and often time we are protected by US government when practitioners were attacked Chinese spy. However, my fellow Falun Gong practitioners have been persecuted since 1990 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 bill and vote with their conscience and goodness

Thank you for your attention

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I am writing in support of HCR No. 45. The overwhelming evidence of Chinese 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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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. degrees 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 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 Falun Gong practitioner and a high school teacher. 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. Evil is afraid to be exposed. Please support to pass HCR 45.

**Roxanne Kamalu**

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Comments: Has this world not seen enough of this useless kill time after time we say this will never happen again. But time after time we continue to turn our head and make believe it is not happening. Every time we can save a life we should it is only fair that China be held to the utter most responsibility for this meaningless organ harvesting. The killing of any life is wrong the killing of these innocent Falun Gong members is more wrong. All they have done is to help the people in China and this is how they are rewarded. Only we can help put a stop to this today is the day.

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