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Dear Friends,

I appreciate your invitation to participate in the Ride 2 Freedom rally in Columbia recognizing the human rights violations of the Falun Gong. I am sorry I am unable to be there today.

The imprisonment and treatment of Falun Gong practitioners and Christians in modern-day China is unconscionable, and it truly is a violation of human rights of the highest degree. Last Congress, I cosponsored legislation that demanded the Communist Party of China bring an end to the persecution of prisoners of conscience. It is absolutely imperative that these egregious violations of human decency come to an end and that all religious minorities in China are free from all persecution. I commend you all for your hard work and determination in advocating for this cause. Please know that while I am in Congress I will continue to fight for human rights protections for all.

Again, I thank Ride 2 Freedom for all it is doing. Please do not hesitate to contact me in the future on other issues of importance to you and your community. It is a privilege to be your voice in Congress.

Very Truly Yours,

Vicky Hartzler

Member of Congress