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I'm Steve Chabot, the ranking member of the House Foreign Affairs Subcommittee on Asia and the Pacific.

As a long-time supporter of the rights of Falun Gong practitioners. I'm pleased that you were able to host an event that calls attention to one of the most heinous human rights abuses occurring today: state sponsored forced organ harvesting in the People's Republic of China.

Wherever one looks, from the PRC supporting Russia during the war in Ukraine, to its mercantilist trade policy, the Chinese Communist Party is challenging the free world and seeking to replace its values with Beijing's ideology.

But perhaps the CCPs most fundamental challenge is in the area of human rights.

From Hong Kong to Tibet, from the Great Firewall to the genocide in Xinjiang province against the Uyghurs, the litany of CCP crimes is too long to recount. The PRC's long-standing practice of state sponsored forced organ harvesting is part and parcel of this inhumane regime ruling China.

Over the past several years, especially with the release of the China tribunals final judgment, the evidence has become even more clear that the PRC is indeed engaged in this vile practice, and the scope and scale of organ harvesting and China's truly breathtaking.

According to well known estimates 60,000 to 100,000 transplants occur each year, most of which are a result of forced organ harvesting. The principal source for these transplants have been unwilling Falun Gong practitioners. This despicable practice allows China to maintain a pretty much on-demand organ transplant regime, which is unheard of even in most modern developed countries.

In the face of such persecution, the number of Falun Gong practitioners has dwindled dramatically, and I'm afraid to CCPs next source of organs may be the Uyghurs. It's hard to fathom how truly evil this is and hard to believe such depravity as possible.

That's why events like this are so important and why I'm honored to join you today to bring awareness to this unspeakable crime. As one of the most barbaric practices in human history, it's past time for real accountability for those who perpetuate forced organ harvesting.

Today, right now, the civilized world must demand that China end this practice, once and for all. China must be held accountable for this gross violation of human rights.

Thank you.