

*Administration of Joseph R. Biden, Jr., 2024*

**Statement on Signing the Promoting a Resolution to the Tibet-China Dispute Act**  
*July 12, 2024*

Today, I have signed into law S. 138, the "Promoting a Resolution to the Tibet-China Dispute Act" (the "Act"). I share the Congress's bipartisan commitment to advancing the human rights of Tibetans and supporting efforts to preserve their distinct linguistic, cultural, and religious heritage. My Administration will continue to call on the People's Republic of China to resume direct dialogue, without preconditions, with the Dalai Lama, or his representatives, to seek a settlement that resolves differences and leads to a negotiated agreement on Tibet. The Act does not change longstanding bipartisan United States policy to recognize the Tibet Autonomous Region and other Tibetan areas of China as part of the People's Republic of China—a policy decision that falls within my authority to recognize foreign states and the territorial bounds of such states.

JOSEPH R. BIDEN JR.

NOTE: S. 138, approved July 12, was assigned Public Law No. 118–70. The statement referred to Tenzin Gyatso, the 14th Dalai Lama of Tibet.

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