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Condemning the Chinese Communist Party's use of forced labor and other
coercive measures to destroy religious freedom in Tibet.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

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Mr. HAWLEY (for himself, Mr. TILLIS, Mr. CRUZ, Mr. SCOTT of South Carolina, Mrs. BLACKBURN, Mr. BRAUN, Mr. YOUNG, Mrs. LOEFFLER, Mr. CASSIDY, Ms. MCSALLY, and Mr. LANKFORD) submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on Foreign Relations

RESOLUTION

Condemning the Chinese Communist Party's use of forced labor and other coercive measures to destroy religious freedom in Tibet.

Whereas the Chinese Communist Party has long persecuted Tibetans for their religious beliefs, including by illegitimately claiming authority to designate the Dalai Lama's successor, destroying religious institutions, and arbitrarily detaining, disappearing, and torturing Tibetans in order to compel adherence to "normal religious activities", as sanctioned by the Party;

Whereas the Chinese Communist Party has launched a policy of Sinicization of Tibetans and escalated its attacks on Tibetans by removing Tibetan farmers and herders from their land, compelling them to cede control of their land

and herds to state authorities, transferring them to state facilities where they are subjected to forced labor training programs, political indoctrination, and other abuses, and sending them to state-assigned jobs in Tibet and other parts of China, often far from their families and communities;

Whereas the Chinese Communist Party views forced labor and other coercive measures as acceptable practices for strengthening the Chinese economy, while simultaneously suppressing or eliminating religious and ethnic groups that it views as inherently threatening to its rule and other political ambitions;

Whereas the Chinese Communist Party's actions in Tibet, like its actions in the Xinjiang Uyghur Autonomous Region and other parts of China, reflect the Party's belief that might makes right and its determination to use every measure at its disposal, no matter how heinous, to consolidate power and advance its interests; and

Whereas the Chinese Communist Party believes that might makes right not just domestically, but also in international relations, as evidenced by its actions in the Taiwan Strait, the South and East China Seas, along the Sino-Indian border, and in cyberspace, as well as its use of economic threats to silence or otherwise compel nations, businesses, and individuals to accede to its demands throughout the Indo-Pacific region and beyond: Now, therefore, be it

1 *Resolved*, That the Senate—

2 (1) condemns the Chinese Communist Party's
3 campaign against religious freedom in Tibet, includ-
4 ing its plainly illegitimate efforts to designate the

1 next Dalai Lama, which is a matter that should be
2 determined solely within the Tibetan Buddhist faith
3 community;

4 (2) calls for an investigation into the Chinese
5 Communist Party's use of forced labor, in addition
6 to other coercive measures, to force Tibetans to
7 practice their faith in a manner compliant with the
8 Party's interpretation of "normal religious activi-
9 ties";

10 (3) calls on United States companies to scruti-
11 nize their supply chains and divest of suppliers and
12 other partners that use Tibetan or other forced labor
13 programs or are unable to certify that they do not
14 use Tibetan or other forced labor;

15 (4) calls on the United States Government to
16 proactively support, as per the Tibetan Policy Act of
17 2002 (subtitle B of title VI of division A of Public
18 Law 107-228; 22 U.S.C. 6901 note), the Dalai
19 Lama's call for negotiations to resolve the issue of
20 Tibet, including by preserving religious freedom and
21 Tibetan labor rights; and

22 (5) encourages all nations to condemn the Chi-
23 nese Communist Party's attempts to impose its will

- 1 on others, both at home and abroad, and stand to-
- 2 gether against the Party's hegemonic agenda.

