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Greeting on the 28th anniversary of the introduction of Falun Dafa

To all those celebrating the 28th year of Falun Dafa I wish you a joyous anniversary!

At a time when we cannot come together physically to mark such an occasion, we are reminded of the struggles faced by peaceful groups around the world, evading arrest and forced to congregate in secret. The persecution of those who practice Falun Dafa by the Communist Chinese regime in Beijing is an outrage to all who believe in peace, freedom, and justice.

In 2017, I was honoured to sponsor Canada's Sergei Magnitsky legislation which places economic sanctions on serious human rights violators. The persecution of thousands of Falun Dafa practitioners in China constitutes one of the worst human rights violations happening today, including the imprisonment, organ harvesting, and murder of its members.

The Communist Party of China's machinery of persecution has turned on Falun Dafa and other peaceful groups to the detriment of the world, and the world must intervene by calling the Chinese regime to account for its extensive human rights violations against its own people.

We are truly blessed to live in Canada, a democratic country where we protect freedom of religion, freedom of expression, and freedom of speech. Our thoughts and prayers are with those who live under regimes where they must disguise their beliefs and hide in homes to practice their faith. But to hope for a day when all people in China can practice their beliefs freely and openly is not enough. World leaders, including here in Canada, must deploy sanctions against those responsible for the horrific treatment of Falun Dafa, a peaceful organization with no violent agenda.

On this auspicious day, Canadians stand with you in your struggle against tyranny, oppression, and dictatorship.

Sincerely,

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