



February 12, 2024

The Honorable Senator James Risch
483 Russell Senate Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20510

Dear Senator Risch,

We are writing to urge you to set a Senate Foreign Relations Committee meeting to mark up the [Uyghur Policy Act](#) (S. 1252) as soon as possible. We believe that it is imperative for the Senate to take decisive action in addressing the ongoing human rights violations and crimes against humanity being carried out against the Uyghur population at the hands of the Chinese government.

The Uyghur Policy Act represents a critical step towards holding the Chinese government accountable for its egregious actions in the Uyghur homeland. By establishing a clear framework for addressing human rights abuses, this legislation sends a powerful message that the United States stands in solidarity with oppressed communities around the world. The House version of the legislation ([H.R. 2766](#)) has already passed the House Foreign Affairs Committee with over 100 cosponsors.

Given the urgency of the situation and the growing international concern regarding the plight of the Uyghur people, we respectfully request that you prioritize the markup of the Uyghur Policy Act in the Senate Foreign Relations Committee. It is essential that the United States demonstrates leadership in promoting human rights and defending the dignity and freedom of all individuals, regardless of their ethnicity or religion.

Thank you for your attention to this matter. We look forward to your decisive leadership in advancing this important legislation.

Uyghur Human Rights Project (Washington, D.C.)

Adas Israel Uyghur Crisis Response Team (Washington, D.C.)

Advocates for the Nation (Kathmandu, Nepal)

Alevi Philosophy Center Foundation (Istanbul, Turkey)

Athenai Institute (Washington, D.C.)

Campaign for Uyghurs (Washington, D.C.)

China Aid Association (Midland, TX)

Committee for Freedom in Hong Kong Foundation (London, U.K.)

Congregation Bet Haverim (Atlanta, GA)

Congregation Or Tzion (Scottsdale, AZ)

Coordination des Associations et des Particuliers pour la Liberté de Conscience (Brussels, Belgium)

Crane Center for Mass Atrocity Prevention (Indianapolis, IN)

Ethics and Religious Liberty Commission of the Southern Baptist Convention -ERLC (Washington D.C.)

Freiheit für Hongkong e.V. (Berlin, Germany)

Hadar Institute (New York, NY)

The Heschel School (New York, NY)

Hong Kong Democracy Council (Washington, D.C.)

Human Rights in China (New York, NY)

International Coalition to End Transplant Abuse in China (Washington, D.C.)

Jewish Movement for Uyghur Freedom (New York, NY)

Jewish Women International (Washington, D.C.)

Jewish World Watch (Los Angeles, CA)

Justice For All (Chicago, IL)

Kehillat Harlem (Harlem, NY)

Kirva Institute (Sharon, MA)

Lab/Shul (New York, NY)

L'Chaim Jews Against the Death Penalty (College Park, MD)

Minaret Foundation (Houston, TX)

Nepal Christian Society (Kathmandu, Nepal)

No Business with Genocide (Washington, D.C.)

Parity NYC (New York, NY)

Peace Catalyst International (Seattle, WA)

Professor Tyson Herberger (Oslo, Norway)

Rabbi Allan Berkowitz (San Francisco, CA)

Rabbi Raysh Weiss (Natick, MA)

Rabbi Shimon Brand (Cleveland, OH)

Rabbi Suzanne Singer (Riverside, CA)

Rollin A. Broekhoven, Retired Federal Judge (Washington, D.C.)

Shomeret Shalom Rabbinic School and Learning Center (Berkeley, CA)

Silk Road Peace Project (Colorado Springs, CO)

Temple Beth Abraham (Nashua, NH)

Transformation Nepal (Madhyapur Thimi, Nepal)

TX4HK Texans Supporting Hong Kong (Austin, TX)

Uri L'Tzedek (Scottsdale, AZ)

Uyghur American Association (Fairfax, VA)

Uyghur Justice Project (New York, NY)

Valley Beit Midrash (Scottsdale, AZ)

Wonder and Repair (U.S.A.)

World Uyghur Congress (Munich, Germany)