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Dear Friends:

I want to extend my warmest welcome to everyone attending the Korean Church Coalition's (KCC) prayer vigils on behalf of North Korean refugees. I also want to commend all of you for your dedication to raising awareness about the plight of North Korean refugees and aiding them in their time of need.

North Korean refugees continue to suffer unspeakable hardships and deprivations. Since 2004, the KCC has been a strong advocate in helping them escape the tyranny and oppression of the brutal North Korean regime. I strongly support your efforts, and I commend your commitment to faith and to assisting those in need. Your work on behalf of North Korean refugees has been an inspiration to the world.

As the Co-Chair of the U.S. Helsinki Commission, and as a member of the Senate Committee on Foreign Relations, I am committed to protecting the human rights of all individuals. I firmly believe the United States must exercise strong international leadership to protect the fundamental human rights of North Korean refugees. The United States has a moral obligation to help those individuals facing persecution and injustice in their homeland reach freedom and safety.

The United States is a great country because of its diversity. Korean Americans have made enormous contributions to our communities and to our nation. As a U.S. Senator from Maryland, I am proud to represent the more than 60,000 Korean Americans who live in our great state.

Best wishes.

Sincerely,



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United States Senator

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