



HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
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7TH DISTRICT, NEW YORK

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Dear Friends,

It is my pleasure to send you my greetings as you host your conferences and vigils throughout the United States and Canada. Your efforts to aid the people of North Korea continue to be much appreciated and honored by many.

As you are all aware, the Korean Church Coalition represents 157 churches and their congregational members throughout New York. Formed in 2004 the Korean Church Coalition is a non-partisan and non-profit religious organization that was created to bring an end to the sufferings endured by the people of North Korea, as well as China and other parts of the world, through pacifist means. Currently the KCC is made up of three-thousand Korean American pastors, and millions of congregational members, with strongholds in the United States and South Korea, as well as other areas in the world.

I am proud to represent a district that includes so many Korean Americans, and I earnestly support your noble efforts to address the suffering of North Korean refugees. Their plight is a dire one that must be addressed with urgency, as no human being should be forced to leave his homeland simply to experience the most fundamental rights and liberties of humanity. I commend KCC's advocacy to protect those who leave their country seeking the protection of international law to which refugees are entitled.

It is important to try to alleviate the tensions and conflicts surrounding the Korean Peninsula, and I commend you on your hard work. As the duly elected representative for the 7th congressional district, I am proud to share in the history and represent the Korean men and women who reside in my district. It is wonderful to see the Korean community coming together to support such a cause. Best wishes for a wonderful day!

Sincerely,

Joseph Crowley
Member of Congress