



Nancy Pelosi
Speaker of the House

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Dear Friends,

I commend the Korean Church Coalition for giving a voice to the thousands of North Korean refugees facing injustices and inhumane conditions in North Korea, China, and other parts of the world. I support your efforts to end the suffering endured by the refugees through non-violent means.

Every individual has the right to live freely without the threat of violence or repression, the right to live with dignity and respect. Every individual has the responsibility to preserve and protect those fundamental rights and to promote the stability and security of our world.

The prayer vigils you are having across the country send a clear message. They are a call to the conscience of the world: we condemn violence and demand respect for human rights. Let us continue to work together until all the people of the world are free.

best regards,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Nancy Pelosi".

NANCY PELOSI
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