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Sam Kim, Executive Director
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Dear Mr. Kim:

I would like to take this opportunity to thank you and the Korean Church Coalition for your tireless advocacy on behalf of the thousands of North Korean refugees suffering under the heavy hand of oppression and injustice.

The plight of North Korean refugees is a travesty that must be addressed. No one should be forced to live in an environment of persecution, fear, and famine. Nor should those who have fled such conditions be forcibly returned. A fundamental aspect of American foreign policy is a dedication to the protection and preservation of fundamental human rights. As such, the United States must continue to bring attention to the situation of these refugees as we work to promote stability and security on the Korean Peninsula, and throughout the region.

I stand with the Korean-American community in your dedication to confronting this humanitarian situation and applaud you as you embark on a series of conferences to raise awareness of the nearly 300,000 refugees residing within China's borders.

Sincerely,



John McCain
United States Senator

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