

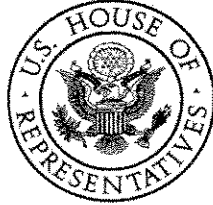
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Dear Mr. Kim:

I am pleased to join my prayers with the millions of voices calling for an end to suffering in North Korea. Every man, woman, and child deserves to be treated with respect and granted basic human rights of food, shelter, faith, and a bright future. Moreover, those forced to find a fruitful life elsewhere should not be shunned and further mistreated simply on the basis of nationality.

I applaud the dedication of the Korean Church Coalition to the peaceful end to poverty and oppression in North Korea and elsewhere. My colleagues and I have written to President Hu Jintao of China regarding the country's treatment of North Korean refugees. We stand with you in demanding fair treatment for those compelled to flee the oppression under Kim Jong Il and his regime.

I look forward to a time when children living not just in North Korea, but all over Asia and the world, can enjoy future filled with peace, faith, and hope. Together, our prayers will bring that future one step closer to being a reality. I hope we will continue to work together to continue the struggle to overcome oppression and usher in a new era of opportunity and hope.

Onward,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Marcy Kaptur".

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