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The Lantos Foundation previously had the opportunity to interview Mr. Cheng about his shocking ordeal at the hands of his captors, and we found his first-hand testimony to be credible and deeply disturbing. The materials presented today are incredibly important because they offer further evidence of the egregious human rights abuse happening in China in the form of forced organ harvesting. This outrageous violation of fundamental rights continues, despite the Chinese government's claims to the contrary, and we must do more to raise awareness about it and call on governments to implement laws and policies designed to stop it.

We commend Mr. Cheng for his bravery in sharing his story; we know that the Chinese government has no qualms about engaging in transnational repression when and where it deems it necessary. This makes his decision to speak out all the more courageous.

We also applaud ETAC for its excellent and vital work to shine a light on China's abusive and illegal practices. We will continue to work closely with ETAC and other members of the international coalition who are committed to ending forced organ harvesting for good.