

United States Senate

WASHINGTON, DC 20510

September 22, 2026

The Honorable Donald J. Trump
President of the United States
The White House
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20500

Dear President Trump,

Thank you for raising Pastor Ezra Jin's case with President Xi earlier this year and working to secure his release. We were incredibly grateful to see him reunited with his family on July 3, right before we celebrated the 250th Anniversary of the United States.

The United States should continue to promote international religious freedom by calling on the Government of the People's Republic of China to end its harassment and persecution of members of religious organizations, unconditionally release all unjustly detained political prisoners imprisoned for exercising their right to freedom of religious belief, and ensure that detainees who have not yet been released are treated humanely.

Building on your successful engagement leading to the release of Pastor Ezra Jin, we request that you continue keeping those persecuted for their faith in China, including ethnic and religious minority groups such as Tibetan Buddhists, Christians, Uyghur Muslims, and Falun Gong practitioners, top of mind in conversations with President Xi.

Specifically, we ask that in your meeting with him in Washington in late September you raise the cases of remaining pastors like Pastor Gao Quanfu and his wife Pang Yu and Pastor Tang Bingyi of Light of Zion Church in Xi'an, Shaanxi Province and the remaining eight members of Zion Church in Beijing: Gao Yingjia, Wang Lin, Yin Huibin, Wang Zhong, Wang Cong, Liu Zhenbin, Lin Shucheng and Wu Qiuyu.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

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Ted Budd
United States Senator

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Tim Kaine
United States Senator

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Charles E. Grassley
United States Senator

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Jeffrey A. Merkley
United States Senator

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Roger F. Wicker
United States Senator

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Peter Welch
United States Senator

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Katie Boyd Britt
United States Senator

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James Lankford
United States Senator

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Tim Scott
United States Senator

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Ted Cruz', with a stylized, flowing script.

Ted Cruz
United States Senator