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Wisconsin Tibetan Association

March 10, 2018 is the 59th anniversary of the 1959 Tibetan National Uprising. It is being observed throughout the world by Tibetan communities and international supporters of justice for Tibet. On this somber day, we remember countless number of our brothers and sisters who have died, seeking to defend and protect their country and rights to live as Tibetans, now held in the tight grip of the Communist Chinese government. We pray that those still living back home, have the courage and strength to endure the hardships that they continue to face. Our fervent plea to every freedom loving citizen is to raise your consciousness, awareness and voice to end oppression and genocide of the weak by standing on the right side of history, and support the Tibetan movement for the right to live in one's own land and enjoy basic human rights. Please approach your elected Representatives, Congressmen and Senators to back the following initiatives on behalf of all Tibetans within and outside Tibet.

**Promote Open Access to Tibet:** The strict limitations on travel to, from, and within Tibet pose an existential threat to the Land of Snows, and risk sealing it off from the world. We must open Tibet to U.S. citizens - diplomats, journalists, Tibetan-Americans, and more.

**Appoint a Special Coordinator for Tibetan Issues in the State Department:** No Tibet-related policies can move forward without this role filled. As a signal to the world that justice for Tibet is a policy priority, we must ensure a Special Coordinator for Tibetan Issues is appointed immediately.

**Cosponsor Vital Legislation for Tibet:** We must insist that action is taken to promote a dialogue between representatives of His Holiness the Dalai Lama and representatives in China, and further, to ensure meaningful negotiations resume.

**Help Ensure the Release of Political Prisoners:** There couldn't be a more straightforward and urgent need than the immediate release and protection of peaceful Tibetans who are falsely imprisoned as we speak.

**Support Tibetans in Tibet AND in Exile:** We must prioritize the State Department's funding of programs that support Tibetans in Tibet and in exile, ensure the protection of the Tibetan culture, language and identity, as well as deliver Tibetan news and programming through international media outlets.

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