

United States Senate

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Ambassador Xie Feng
Embassy of the People's Republic of China
3505 International Place NW
Washington, D.C. 20008-3025

Dear Ambassador Xie:

We write with grave concern regarding the troubling implications of the People's Republic of China's new Law on Promoting Ethnic Unity and Progress which will enter into force on July 1. As bipartisan and elected representatives of the U.S. Senate, we join the European Union Parliament in condemning the Law's passage and anticipated implementation. We are closely watching actions the Chinese Communist Party (CCP) takes under the Law and would urge your government to rescind or significantly revise the Law given its ramifications on those beyond the borders of the People's Republic of China and on the protection of distinct identities and human rights of Tibetans, Uyghurs, and other nationalities.

We are extremely concerned about Article 63 of the Law, which states "Organizations and individuals outside the [mainland] territory of the People's Republic of China that commit acts aimed at the People's Republic of China that undermine ethnic unity and progress or create ethnic division are to be pursued for legal responsibility in accordance with law." Please be aware that any attempts to surveil, intimidate, or pressure individuals residing in the United States, under Article 63 or any provision of that Law or any other, constitute an unacceptable violation of U.S. sovereignty.

We are deeply troubled by the codification of the CCP's longstanding practices to extinguish religious freedom, including restrictions on worship, forced ideological instruction, and pressure on communities to abandon or dilute their faith traditions. These practices affect Tibetan Buddhists, Muslims, Christians, and many others – under the guise of combatting extremism and/or preventing separatism.

We are also alarmed by the law's implications for children's rights, particularly in the state-run boarding schools affecting more than one million Tibetan children who have been separated from their families, language, and heritage. Your implementation of the Law will be evaluated for compliance with standards for the protection of children.

Let us be clear: We will not hold back from speaking out when laws or practices violate fundamental rights, including the rights of individuals living on U.S. soil, children's rights, and religious freedoms. The Law on Promoting Ethnic Unity and Progress is detrimental to and attempts to eliminate the unique identities of Tibetans, Uyghurs, and others. Furthermore, this Law appears to be at odds with China's own constitution, 1984 Regional Ethnic Autonomy Law, and international commitments.

As members of the United States Senate, we will take every available measure to hold your government accountable for any targeting of individuals on U.S. soil or U.S. citizens abroad. We are actively working in Congress to codify congressional reporting requirements on your Law on Promoting Ethnic Unity and Progress to ensure the CCP is held accountable for any actions it may take under this provision, and we will not hesitate to employ further legislative measures if necessary. The consequences of your government's choices will be determined by how your government chooses to proceed.

Sincerely,



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United States Senator



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United States Senator