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Subject: Greeting Letter Request for 28th Falun Dafa Day Anniversary

Dear Mayor Craig Copeland:

I am writing to respectfully request a greeting message from you on the occasion of May 13th, Falun Dafa Day, when Canadians who practice Falun Dafa (Falun Gong) from coast to coast will join millions around the world to pay tribute to the anniversary of the introduction of Falun Dafa to the public.

This year, we believe such a message has particular significance and timeliness. As we and our families all suffer due to the Chinese communist party's cover-up of the Wuhan Coronavirus, the Falun Dafa community sends our wishes that everyone remains safe and going forward we stand in solidarity with you and believe that Canada will overcome the adversity.

This pandemic also reflects what we have tried to urge for the past 20 years, for more freedom, conscience and transparency in China, and by covering up this virus, like they do with their human rights abuses, the Chinese communist regime has now affected everyone in the world.

Falun Dafa is a spiritual practice that promotes the universal principles of "Truthfulness, Compassion, and Forbearance," and at times like this we are reminded of how important these values and principles can be.

Falun Dafa is recognized and awarded worldwide for helping people improve their spiritual, mental and physical wellbeing through meditative exercises and moral teachings, thus promoting harmony and health in society.

Despite the 21-year illegal persecution launched against Falun Dafa practitioners by the Chinese Communist Party, Falun Dafa's popularity has not diminished. The universal principles of Truthfulness, Compassion, and Forbearance have reached people from all corners of the world.

Here in Canada, unlike in China, we are privileged to be able to fully enjoy the values of openness and diversity and the freedoms of conscience and belief. It is in this spirit that we celebrate May 13th as Falun Dafa Day, May as Falun Dafa Month and we would be honoured to receive a greeting message from you on this special occasion.

We would truly appreciate if you could please send the greeting to us by May 20th, 2020 or sooner if possible. Should you have questions, please don't hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

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Enclosures:

1. A short video of 'An Introduction to Falun Gong' (6:35 min)

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=aJ-A6xY47jc>

2. Examples of greetings, proclamations, and speeches for Falun Dafa Day Celebration (excerpts):

This special celebration is an opportunity to recognize the enduring teachings of Falun Dafa. By promoting the universal principles of truthfulness, compassion and tolerance, this traditional Chinese practice has gained an international following. I know Canada is a proud home to an active and thriving Falun Dafa community. **–Hon. Andrew Scheer, Leader of the Official Opposition, Greetings for Falun Dafa Celebration 2019**

When I look out and always see the words truth, compassion, and tolerance, I thank each and every one of you for what you are bringing to Canada by promoting the very values that make a country strong **–Hon. Judy Sgro, MP, Co-Chair of Parl Friends for Falun Gong, speech on Parliament Hill on May 8, 2019**

Thank you for your guiding principles of Zhen, Shan, Ren—Truthfulness, Compassion, and Forbearance... **–Hon. Peter Kent, MP, Co-Chair of Parl Friends for Falun Gong, speech on Parliament Hill on May 8, 2019**

Falun Dafa's message of truth, compassion and tolerance has long been an inspiration to us all. Their practise of improving oneself through quiet meditation and gentle movement is also most admirable. I congratulate Falun Dafa on another important anniversary celebration here in Ottawa! **–Cheryl Hardcastle, MP, greetings for 2019**

Guided by the principles of truthfulness, compassion, and tolerance, Falun Dafa is an ancient practice that transcends barriers and embraces people from all walks of life. In promoting peace and harmony, the teachings of Falun Dafa helps people around the world improve their spiritual and physical wellbeing. **–Thanh Hai Ngo, Senator, greetings for Falun Dafa Month 2019**

I am please to recognize the 27th Anniversary of Falun Dafa, a long-standing practice based on promoting harmony and health in society. **–Daniel Blaikie, MP, greetings for Falun Dafa Month 2019**

2019 Municipal Proclamation of Falun Dafa Day	2019 Greetings from Mayors
Mayor Jim Watson, City of Ottawa, ON Mayor Bryan Paterson, Kingston, ON Mayor Aldo Dicarolo, Amherstburg, ON Mayor Michael Fougere, Regina, SK Mayor Charlie Clark, Saskatoon, SK Mayor Gord Krantz, Milton, ON Mayor Diane Therrien, Peterborough, ON Mayor Bernadette Clement, Cornwall, ON Mayor Al McDonald, North Bay, ON Mayor Steve Clarke, Orillia, ON Mayor Craig Copeland, Cold lake, AB Mayor Colin Basran, Kelowna, BC Mayor Bob Wells, Courtenay, BC Mayor Chris Pieper, Armstrong, BC Mayor Michelle Staples, Duncan, BC Mayor William Beamish, Gibsons, BC Wabush, NF Quinte West, ON	Mayor Maurizio Bevilacqua, Vaughan, ON Mayor, Dan Carter, Oshawa, ON Mayor Jeff Lehman, Barrie, ON Mayor Walter Sendzik, St. Catharine, ON Mayor Marianne Meed Ward, Burlington, ON Mayor Betty Disero, Niagara On The Lake, ON Mayor Mike Bradley, Sarnia, ON Mayor Allan Alls, Erin, ON Mayor Christian C.Provenzano ,Sault Ste.Marie, ON Mayor Sheryl Spence, Warman, SK Mayor Lisa Helps, Victoria, BC Mayor Mike Hurley, Burnaby, BC Mayor Brad West, Port Coquitlam, BC Mayor Ken Popove, Chilliwack, BC Mayor Darnelda Siegers, District of Sechelt Mayor Russ Arnott, Comox, BC Mayor Stuart Houston, Spruce Grove, AB Mayor Grant Creasey, Lacombe, AB Mayor Brian Bowman, Winnipeg, MB

Nobody represents the best qualities of this magnificent ancient (Chinese) culture than do the practitioners of Falun Gong. Turning China's mission in what it ought to be the benefit of all humanity cannot be overstate –**Scott Reid, MP, speech for Falun Dafa Day on Parliament Hill on May 9, 2019**

The guiding principles of Falun Dafa – Truthfulness, Compassion, and Tolerance – are complementary to the values of many Canadians. ...As you celebrate Falun Dafa Day, I wish to thank you for your many contributions to our province, and for promoting peace and harmony in our diverse nation. –**Hon. W. Thomas Molloy, Lieutenant Governor, Saskatchewan, Greetings for 2019**

As you celebrate another amazing year of work dedicated to promoting harmony and goodwill in society, you continue to strengthen your commitment to peace around the world. –**Nathaniel Erskine-Smith, MP, greetings for Falun Dafa Month 2019**

the ideas of compassion, truth, and forbearance. These are Canadian values, they are ones based on human rights, they are ones based in our Constitution about looking after each other, and this is extremely important. –**Robert-Falcon Ouellette, MP, speech on Parliament Hill on May 8, 2019**

We also received greetings from: MP Hon. Candice Bergen, MP Ted Falk, MP Borys Wrzesnewskyj, MP John Brassard, MP Harold Albrecht, MP David Anderson, MP Deepak Obhrai, MP Pat Kelly, MP Tom Kmiec, MP Stephanie Kusie, MP Len Webber, MP Rachael Harder, MP Garnett Genuis, MP Dane Lloyd, MP Ziad Aboultaif, MP Mike Lake, MP Matt Jeneroux, MP Michael Cooper, MP Randeep S. Sarai, Hon. Gene Makowsky, MLA, SK, Ryan Meili, MLA, SK, MPP Mike Schreiner, MPP Parm Gill, MPP Doug Downey, MPP Bhutla Karpoche, MPP Jill Dunlop, MPP Suze Morrison, MPP Monique Taylor, MPP Chris Glover, MPP Roman Barber, MPP Logan Kanapathi, Toronto Councillor Kristyn Wong-Tam, Toronto Councillor Brad Bradford, Toronto councillor Josh Matlow, Calgary Councillor Jeromy Farkas, Calgary Councillor Gian-Carlo Carra

Celebration Rally speakers in Ottawa: Hon. Judy Sgro, Hon. Peter Kent, MP Scott Reid, MP Robert-Falcon Ouellette, MP Borys Wrzesnewskyj, MP Nathaniel Erskine-Smith, MP David Anderson, MP David Anderson, MP James Bezan, Former MP David Kilgour, Alex Neve Amnesty International, Prof. Albert Lin, Aileen Calverley, HK watch