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Dear Ms. Sanderson:

Thank you for your contacting us August 4 regarding the case of Mr. Xiong Huang, a Falun Gong practitioner and brother of your constituent Dr. Wanqing Huang.

As soon as I received your message, I contacted the Chinese Ministry of Foreign Affairs to request information regarding Mr. Huang's case. We are currently awaiting a response.

The Embassy has consistently underscored its deep concern about the Chinese Government's treatment of Falun Gong practitioners. Ambassador Randt and other Embassy officers have frequently raised detention cases such as this with Chinese officials at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and the State Administration for Religious Affairs. We have also expressed our concern about the detention and mistreatment of Falun Gong practitioners in the State Department's annual Country Reports on Human Rights and our International Religious Freedom Report.

Like you, I am deeply concerned about the issue of religious freedom and agree that expressing our concern about the detention and mistreatment of Falun Gong practitioners is of utmost importance. Ambassador Randt has committed that the Embassy will continue to use every available and appropriate opportunity to urge the Chinese Government to allow greater religious freedom and expression.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if I can be of further assistance to you on this or any other matter.

Best regards,

Political Officer
U.S. Embassy Beijing