

Chairman Moolenaar Remarks

Campaign for Uyghurs Event – “Uyghur Genocide: Defending Rights, Identity, and Culture”

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I want to begin by thanking Dr. Abbas for organizing this event, and for all those who came to speak for those who cannot speak for themselves.

Our Committee is the Select Committee on the Chinese Communist Party. Our competition is not with any nation or people, but with a totalitarian organization that for more than a century, has shown nothing but contempt for human life, human values, and religious faith, most horrifyingly exemplified in the CCP's genocide of the Uyghur people.

When people tell us who they are we should believe them. The CCP has told us who they are loud and clear.

The Chinese Communist Party has destroyed Churches, Mosques, and Buddhist monasteries.

They have asserted the right of the Party to appoint Christian Bishops, all but banned the Islamic faith, and even claim authority over the reincarnation of Tibetan Buddhist Lamas.

I believe it is impossible to separate the CCP's violation of human rights from its economic and military aggression.

The CCP's use of forced labor, especially of Uyghurs imprisoned in Xinjiang, is central to their economic abuses.

When we allow Chinese companies whose supply chains are built around exploiting slave labor to operate in the United States we become part of the problem. The words 'never again' lose their meaning.

Most importantly it makes us complicit in the genocide of the Uyghur people. Complicity in what in 50 years will be remembered alongside the Holocaust as one of the greatest crimes in human history.

Elie Wiesel spoke of the importance of never forgetting. I pledge that as long as I lead this Select Committee, we will never forget the victims of the CCP's genocide in Xinjiang.

We will never stop advocating for the victims, both those who have escaped, and those still trapped in the CCP's concentration camps.

We will hold companies that are complicit in the genocide, whether Chinese, American, or other, accountable for their actions.

And we will work with the incoming administration to ensure the Uyghur Forced Labor Act, and other legislation designed to uphold these pledges, are enforced.

Genocide thrives when good people fail to speak out. I am glad we are gathered here today to collectively declare that we will not be silent.