

COMMUNIST CHINA MUST END THE
RUTHLESS PERSECUTION OF
FALUN GONG

HON. LINCOLN DIAZ-BALART

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, July 17, 2009

Mr. LINCOLN DIAZ-BALART of Florida. Madam Speaker, through their annual rally this week, Falun Gong practitioners and sympathizers have focused international attention on the horrible suffering of so many Falun Gong practitioners in Communist China. At that rally, I stood in warm, heartfelt solidarity with them and I will continue to do so until the Chinese people are free. On the occasion of this rally denouncing 10 years of persecution against the Falun Gong, I would like to take this opportunity to highlight the names of several students, professors and lawyers who have suffered for their opposition to Communist China's brutal tyranny.

Currently, twelve professors and students from the prestigious Tsinghua University are known to be detained in Communist China under deplorable conditions due to their Falun Gong beliefs:

1. Mr. Bai Rongchun
2. Ms. Zhu Tong
3. Ms. Cong Dayang
4. Ms. Liu Zhimei
5. Ms. Yao Yue
6. Mr. Meng Jun
7. Mr. Wang Xin
8. Mr. Wang Weiyu
9. Mr. Yu Chao
10. Mr. Zang Lianjun
11. Mr. Yuping
12. Mr. Bao Weizhong

I would also like to commend and thank the handful of brave human rights lawyers who have accepted the challenge of representing Falun Gong adherents, as well as other oppressed citizens, and who themselves have been subjected to harassment, disbarment, detention and even torture as a result. Madam Speaker, these attorneys have taken an enormous risk for their fellow countrymen and I commend and admire their honorable efforts:

1. Zhang Kai
2. Li Chunfu
3. Wei Liangyue
4. Tang Jitian
5. Lan Zhixue
6. Jiang Tianyong
7. Li Heping
8. Li Xiongbing
9. Li Fangping
10. Pu Zhiqiang
11. Zhang Kai
12. Jiang Tianyong
13. Li Heping
14. Li Xiongbing
15. Li Chunfu
16. Wang Yajun of Globe-Law in Beijing
17. Cheng Hai
18. Tang Jitian
19. Yang Huiwen of Anhui Law Firm in Beijing
20. Xie Yanyi
21. Li Dunyong of Gongxin Law Firm in Beijing
22. Wen Haibo
23. Liu Wei of Shunhe Law Firm in Beijing
24. Zhang Lihui of Beijing G&G (Giant and Goal) Law Firm in Beijing

25. Li Jinglin of Jiurui Law Firm in Beijing
 26. Wei Liangyue of Jiaodian Law Firm in Heilongjiang
 27. Yang Zaixin of Baijuming Law Firm in Guangxi
 28. Sun Wenbing of Xinhe Law Firm
- Most recently, sometime between July 2 and July 8, these three brave lawyers were arrested for their efforts to defend Falun Gong practitioners:

29. Ruping Liu
30. Wang
31. Wang Ping Yonghang

Madam Speaker, the ruthless, despicable persecution against Falun Gong practitioners and other oppressed minorities must end and these brave prisoners of conscience must be released immediately.

EARMARK DECLARATION

HON. TIMOTHY V. JOHNSON

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, July 17, 2009

Mr. JOHNSON of Illinois. Madam Speaker, pursuant to the Republican Leadership standards on project funding, I am submitting the following information regarding project funding I requested as part of Fiscal Year 2010 Energy and Water Appropriations bill—H.R. 3183:

Requesting Member: TIMOTHY V. JOHNSON
Bill Number: H.R. 3183—Fiscal Year 2010 Energy and Water Appropriations bill

Account: Department of Energy—EERE
Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Eastern Illinois University

Address of Requesting Entity: 600 Lincoln Avenue, Charleston, Illinois 61920

Description of Request: \$1,000,000 for Eastern Illinois University to replace the campus central thermal plant with a biomass-fired combined heat and power center. Of this amount \$1,000,000 will purchase equipment for the new plant.

Requesting Member: TIMOTHY V. JOHNSON
Bill Number: H.R. 3183—Fiscal Year 2010 Energy and Water Appropriations bill
Account: Department of Energy—EERE

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Heartland Community College

Address of Requesting Entity: 1500 West Raab Road, Normal, Illinois 61761

Description of Request: \$250,000 for the Illinois Community College Sustainability Network which will strengthen Illinois community colleges' capacity to promote and provide energy education and sustainable practices across Illinois. Of this amount, \$173,040 is for energy efficiency and green job training personnel; \$77,040 is for supplies and material support.

Requesting Member: TIMOTHY V. JOHNSON
Bill Number: H.R. 3183—Fiscal Year 2010 Energy and Water Appropriations bill
Account: Department of Energy—EERE

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Richland Community College

Address of Requesting Entity: One College Park, Decatur, Illinois 62521

Description of Request: \$500,000 for Richland Community College to expand on the existing biofuels degree program in an effort to provide a more comprehensive bioenergy program to include biodiesel, bioethanol, and

other bioenergies in coordination with renewable energy programs. Of this amount \$500,000 is for equipment.

FINANCIAL SERVICES AND GENERAL GOVERNMENT APPROPRIATIONS ACT, 2010

SPEECH OF

HON. DONALD A. MANZULLO

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 16, 2009

The House in Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union had under consideration the bill (H.R. 3170) making appropriations for financial services and general government for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2010, and for other purposes:

Mr. MANZULLO. Mr. Chair, as with many bills debated in Congress, the Financial Services and General Government Appropriations Act, 2010 (H.R. 3170) contained some good and some bad provisions. This spending bill funds many important functions of the federal government, including the Department of the Treasury (one of the first four original Cabinet agencies created by the new U.S. government in 1789) and various smaller agencies that are involved in the financial services industry such as the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation (FDIC), the National Credit Union Administration (NCUA), the Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC), and the Small Business Administration (SBA). In addition, H.R. 3170 funds the Executive Office of the President, the Judiciary (the Third Branch of federal government), and the District of Columbia.

As an original co-sponsor of the Automobile Dealer Economic Rights Restoration Act of 2009 (H.R. 2743), I was extremely pleased that House Committee Appropriations Committee Chairman, DAVID OBEY, and the House Democratic leadership agreed, in a bipartisan fashion, to adopt and protect an amendment offered by my good friend and colleague, Representative STEVE LATOURETTE of Ohio. The LaTourette amendment essentially inserted the language contained in H.R. 2743 into H.R. 3170. The LaTourette amendment would restore the status quo ante for automobile dealerships that were callously terminated by General Motors and Chrysler during their bankruptcy proceedings in blatant disregard to the dealership's contractual rights, state franchise laws, and just plain human decency. Normally, the Rules of the House prohibit the inclusion of language that changes statutory law on spending bills. But because the situation faces automobile dealers is such an exigent circumstance, I agreed with the House leadership that the LaTourette provision should be an exception to the regular rules governing the debate on appropriations bills. I strongly support the retention of the LaTourette amendment throughout the rest of the legislative process.

However, when confronted with many other provisions in H.R. 3170, I could not vote in support of the overall bill. Unfortunately, the House Democratic leadership prevented the consideration of other amendments that could have corrected the major flaws in other parts of this legislation. H.R. 3170 continues the pattern in almost every other appropriations bill in spending well over the rate of inflation.