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His Excellency  
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Dear Mr. Ambassador:

Thank you for extending me the invitation to participate in the official visit of President Hu Jintao to the United States. Your work in coordinating the meeting between President Hu and our Congressional delegation on April 20, 2006 is sincerely appreciated.

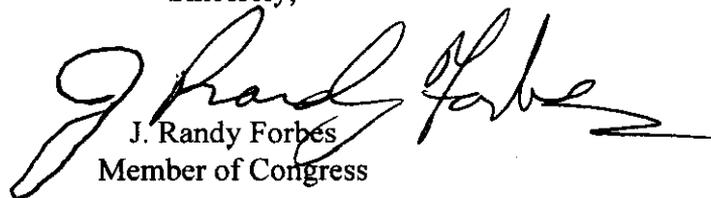
Continued dialogue between members of the U.S. Congress, President Hu, and senior Chinese leadership is critical to the future growth of the U.S.-China relationship. As you know, numerous Members of Congress are planning to travel to China as part of Congressional Delegations in the coming months. The information gathered and exchanged during these visits is an integral part of the U.S. policy-making process.

I would like to follow up on the personal request I made during the meeting with President Hu to lead a Congressional Delegation trip to China that would have unfettered and unrestricted access to Christian groups in China. As we discussed during the meeting, I have serious concerns about restrictions on religious freedom and the treatment of unregistered religious groups. This trip would provide me and other Members of Congress with a first-hand view of the Christian movement in China. Your assistance in facilitating this trip would be greatly appreciated.

I look forward to working with you as the Chairman of the Congressional China Caucus on this request and other issues of concern and interest to both of our countries.

With kind personal regards, I am

Sincerely,

  
J. Randy Forbes  
Member of Congress