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Statement: Ros-Lehtinen Participates in Press Conference Honoring Nobel Peace Prize Winner Liu Xiaobo, Urges China to Free Liu

(WASHINGTON) – U.S. Rep. Ileana Ros-Lehtinen (R-FL), Ranking Republican on the House Foreign Affairs Committee, earlier this week joined Congressmen Frank R. Wolf (R-VA) and James P. McGovern (D-MA), co-chairmen of the Tom Lantos Human Rights Foundation, at a press conference honoring Nobel Peace Prize Winner Liu Xiaobo and calling on the Chinese government to respect human rights. A video link to Ros-Lehtinen's remarks is provided below. Statement by Ros-Lehtinen:

“Though the Chinese regime will keep Liu Xiaobo locked in a dank prison cell, responsible nations on Friday will recognize his astounding contributions to human rights and Chinese democracy.

“China has now joined Nazi Germany and the Burmese junta as the only states to have imprisoned a Nobel Peace Prize winner, and also the Soviet Union, which prevented a winner from attending the awards ceremony. The regimes in Cuba, Venezuela, Saudi Arabia, and Sudan have similarly shamed themselves by refusing to send representatives to attend Dr. Liu's award ceremony at the behest of the Chinese regime.

“It is a testament to the true brutal, tyrannical, and paranoid nature of the Chinese regime that they have so much to fear from this gentle, scholarly man. I call on the rulers of Beijing to let Mr. Liu and his wife go at once.”