

Tom Lantos Human Rights Commission:
Tibet & China: Searching for a New Way Forward

Opening Statement & Questions

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- I represent the largest Vietnamese community in the United States located in Little Saigon in Orange County
 - This community has a great deal in common with the Tibetans
 - Both were victimized by a communist regime and many were forced to flee their homeland
 - They also share in common a dedication to upholding human rights and compassion for all
 - The City of Garden Grove in my district was honored to welcome the Dalai Lama last week on the occasion of his 80th birthday celebration and a Global Compassion Summit
 - Like many Members of Congress, I continue to be gravely concerned by the human rights situation in Tibet
 - I would like to see greater autonomy and self-determination for the Tibetan people within China
 - I also believe that the Chinese government should actively engage with the overseas Tibetan community
 - I was pleased last week that the House passed H.Res. 337, reiterating this institution's support for the Tibetan people and their fundamental human rights
 - I really appreciate the witnesses being with us today so that we can continue to draw attention to this very important topic
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