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**Tom Lantos Human Rights Commission**

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114<sup>th</sup> Congress**

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Dear Colleague:

As Co-Chairmen of the Tom Lantos Human Rights Commission (TLHRC), we invite you to join the bipartisan Commission. The TLHRC—named after the late Congressman Tom Lantos, a stalwart human rights defender—was established to defend the rights of individuals enumerated in the Universal Declaration of Human Rights. The Commission plays a vital role in bringing attention to human rights violations and making human rights issues more visible on Capitol Hill.

Members of the Commission help to promote and protect human rights principles enshrined in U.S. and international law and to give a voice to individuals whose basic rights and freedoms have been denied in their own countries. Since its inception, nearly 200 members of Congress, including 96 members during the last Congress, have participated in the Commission's human rights activities, which include holding hearings and briefings, hosting press conferences, circulating letters and issuing statements in support of human rights defenders, prisoners of conscience, and other threatened individuals and institutions.

Membership in the Commission is free and open to all members of the House of Representatives. It will provide you with frequent opportunities to take an active role in the Commission's broad array of activities. As a member of the Commission, you may request and/or participate in official hearings or briefings, request to send out human rights-related messages on the Commission's listserv and utilize the expertise of the Commission staff. Your name, along with a link to your personal Web site, will be listed on the TLHRC website. To learn more about the Commission's work, please visit the website at [humanrightscommission.house.gov](http://humanrightscommission.house.gov).

A membership form is attached, and can also be obtained from the TLHRC staff at [TLHRC@mail.house.gov](mailto:TLHRC@mail.house.gov). Please return the form to the same e-mail address, or to the office of either Co-Chair.

We look forward to working with you.

Sincerely,

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# Tom Lantos Human Rights Commission Membership Form 114<sup>th</sup> Congress

Please register my free membership in the Tom Lantos Human Rights Commission (TLHRC) for the 114<sup>th</sup> Congress:

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**Member's Signature:** \_\_\_\_\_

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