



Congress of the United States
House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515

Thank you for contacting me regarding the lawsuit filed by Falun Gong practitioners against former President Jiang Zemin.

As you may know, the United States Government has intervened in the case, urging dismissal of the lawsuit. The government alleges that this action under the Alien Tort Claim Act and the Torture Victims Protection Act infringes on the right of the President to conduct U.S. foreign policy. I strongly disagree with the government's position in this matter. These laws give concrete expression to America's commitment to human rights. If the United States is to have international credibility when it speaks on human rights, it must uphold these laws and permit the courts to consider and enter judgments in cases like this one.

As you may also know, several Members of Congress have submitted an *amicus curiae* brief in support of the plaintiffs. I asked that my name be included on the brief, but unfortunately the brief was submitted before I had the opportunity to sign it. You can be sure that I support access to the U.S. courts to hold human rights abusers accountable under the Alien Tort Claim Act and the Torture Victims Protection Act.

Again, mahalo for taking the time to get in touch. I appreciate having the benefit of your mana'o. Please feel free to contact me again on this or any other issue of concern to you.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Neil".

Neil Abercrombie
Member of Congress

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