

**Congress of the United States**  
**House of Representatives**  
**Washington, DC 20515**

**BOYCOTT BEIJING 2008 SUMMER OLYMPICS**

**CO-SPONSOR H. Res. 610**

August 22, 2007

Dear Colleague,

The 1936 Olympic Games in Berlin showed that the integrity of the host country is of the utmost importance so as not to stain the participating athletes or the character of the Games. 72 years later, the honor of the Olympic Games is once again challenged as the games are set to be hosted in Beijing, China.

The Chinese regime regularly denies the right to freedom of conscience, expression, religion, and association. China continues to seriously abuse the rights of its own citizens especially Falun Gong practitioners (and Tibetans, Uygers, and Christians) and continues to assist Sudan, Burma, and North Korea in committing human rights abuses against their citizens.

In Sudan, China purchases seventy percent of the nation's oil, and further supports the government by canceling debt and providing arms used to further escalate the spiraling disaster in Darfur.

In Burma, China has sold over one billion dollars in arms to the Narco dictatorship that continues to violently repress its own people and still holds Noble Peace Prize winner Daw Aung San Suu Kyi under house arrest.

In the face of a serious food shortage and political repression, thousands of North Koreans have fled across the border to China, only to be forcibly returned where they face arbitrary detention, torture, and even summary execution.

The host city of Beijing is putting on a show, ridding the city of the homeless, the sick, and the destitute. To participate in these games and stand idly by in the face of such atrocities would be a great sin of omission. We urge you to support H. Res. 610 and boycott the Beijing Olympics.

To add your name as a co-sponsor, or for more information, contact Paul Berkowitz in Congressman Rohrabacher's office at 5-2415 or [paul.berkowitz@mail.house.gov](mailto:paul.berkowitz@mail.house.gov).

Sincerely,



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