

TO THE HONOURABLE THE SPEAKER AND MEMBERS OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

This petition of certain citizens and residents of Australia

draws to the attention of the House:

1. I have been made aware that Ms Sufang Zhang, mother of Kalgoorlie resident and Australian citizen Ms Kun (Suzy) Yang, was arrested by the Chinese Communist Party (CCP) for her spiritual belief of Falun Gong on July 4, 2008 just before the Olympic Games and now she has been sentenced without trial to a year's imprisonment in one of China's notorious forced labour camps.
2. I understand that Falun Gong (also known as Falun Dafa) is a peaceful meditation practice based on the principles of Truthfulness, Compassion and Forbearance and since 1999 Falun Gong practitioners have been brutally persecuted by the CCP with more than 3,000 confirmed deaths due to torture in detention facilities in China.
3. I am also very concerned that recent investigations and reports by Canadian human rights lawyers David Matas and David Kilgour, European Parliament Vice President Edward McMillan-Scott, and UN Special Rapporteur on Torture Dr. Manfred Nowak, have alleged that the Chinese Communist Regime has overseen the fatal harvesting of organs from an estimated 41,500 unwilling Falun Gong practitioners for profit. (www.organharvestinvestigation.net/)

We therefore ask the House to: **“Help rescue Ms Zhang from a barbaric facility where torture is routine so she can be reunited with her daughter”**