

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

HOUSE JOINT MEMORIAL NO. 1

BY STATE AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

A JOINT MEMORIAL

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2 TO THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES, TO THE SENATE AND THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE UNITED STATES IN CONGRESS ASSEMBLED, AND TO THE CONGRESSIONAL DELEGATION REPRESENTING THE STATE OF IDAHO IN THE CONGRESS OF THE UNITED STATES.
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6 We, your Memorialists, the House of Representatives and the Senate of
7 the State of Idaho assembled in the First Regular Session of the Sixty-sixth
8 Idaho Legislature, do hereby respectfully represent that:

9 WHEREAS, COVID-19 has done irreparable damage to countries across the
10 globe, causing sickness, death, economic disruption, and human suffering;
11 and

12 WHEREAS, in Idaho, thousands have been infected, many have died, families
13 have been separated from dying loved ones, small businesses are shuttering
14 their doors, and those living paycheck to paycheck are struggling to
15 put food on the table; and

16 WHEREAS, by late December 2019, Chinese government health officials had
17 evidence of human-to-human transmission, but until January 20, 2020, Chinese
18 officials continued to insist that there was no evidence of human-to-
19 human transmission; and

20 WHEREAS, the Chinese government lied to the world about the danger and
21 contagious nature of COVID-19, silenced whistleblowers, denied human-to-
22 human transmission in the face of mounting evidence, and did little to stop
23 the spread of the disease; and

24 WHEREAS, reports indicate that Chinese government officials, while
25 they were concealing the outbreak, began hoarding quality personal protective
26 equipment (PPE) while permitting only defective PPE to be exported to
27 the rest of the world, thus endangering the lives of health care workers and
28 first responders in other countries; and

29 WHEREAS, the actions of the Chinese government and the Chinese Communist
30 Party caused millions of people across the globe to be exposed to COVID-
31 19; and

32 WHEREAS, the Chinese government is a dictatorship that is responsible
33 for the deaths of tens of millions of people in its history and is currently
34 waging genocide against the Uighur people in western China.

35 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the members of the First Regular Session
36 of the Sixty-sixth Idaho Legislature, the House of Representatives
37 and the Senate concurring therein, that the Chinese government and the Chinese
38 Communist Party should be held accountable for their crimes against
39 humanity, their horrendously irresponsible and deceitful handling of the
40 COVID-19 outbreak, and the deadly aftermath that followed all over the
41 world. The Idaho Legislature believes the Communist Chinese government to
42 be a hostile state and that the Chinese government should be sanctioned for
43 its misdeeds.

1 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Chief Clerk of the House of Representa-
2 tives be, and she is hereby authorized and directed to forward a copy of this
3 Memorial to the President of the United States, the President of the Senate
4 and the Speaker of the House of Representatives of Congress, and to the con-
5 gressional delegation representing the State of Idaho in the Congress of the
6 United States.