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Prime Minister Lobsang Sangay
Central Tibetan Administration
Dharamsala, India

Dear Prime Minister:

I am writing to express my outrage that actions taken by you and other Tibetan leaders such as Lobsang Nyandak, Lodi Gyari, and Samdong Rinpoche are eroding support within the US Congress for the Tibetan cause. You and your cohorts must immediately cease making disparaging remarks and taking harmful actions aimed at the Tibetan Service of Radio Free Asia and its loyal, hard working Tibetan-American staff.

I am also aware of serious accusations that US funding meant for Tibetans may have been misspent.

It has taken many years and hard work by the United States Congress to convince and pressure the Executive Branch to give refugee, development assistance and other long needed support to the Tibetan people struggling against the Chinese Communist regime that rules Tibet. If US assistance has been misspent and perhaps even goes into the pockets of the communist Chinese and Tibetan power brokers I will learn of it and action will be taken.

Scarce US foreign assistance funding to those struggling against Communist China should be allocated for Chinese pro-democracy advocates, the Falun Gong and the Uyghurs, who have clearly articulated and identified that the problem China faces in advancing towards freedom and democracy is the Communist system. They, unlike some Tibetan leaders, have been standing firm and are unwilling to cut a deal with a corrupt and despotic regime.

The 75 Tibetans who have self-immolated did not do so for the right to become a minority group within Communist China; the policy you are advocating. They are killing themselves for their right to freedom and self-determination and the end of the illegal Chinese occupation.

Friends of Tibet within the US Congress support their goals, mourn their sacrifice and praise their bravery. Accordingly I will not tolerate any machinations by you or your associates to deprive the Tibetan people of the joys of open debate and the free exchange of information that Radio Free Asia has provided. I will also be closely scrutinizing the recipients of American aid within and outside Tibet to ensure that it goes to those who it was intended and is spent in a manner that supports American interests.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Dana Rohrabacher".

Dana Rohrabacher
Chairman
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