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Mr. Sam Kim, Executive Director
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Dear Mr. Kim & Friends:

Greetings to the members and guests of the Korean Church Coalition for North Korean Freedom on the occasion of your prayer vigils in support of the North Korean Refugees in China. Since its inception in 2004, KCC has been true to its mission to pray for the people of North Korea and provide support and aid whenever possible.

I applaud your deep humanitarian ideals and your hard work to end the suffering of the people of North Korea. I was proud to be able to join with my colleagues in the United States Senate to support the North Korean Human Rights Act of 2004. I have been a long-time advocate for protecting human rights. The issue of human rights is a basic one and cannot be compromised. I believe that the U.S. should include human rights considerations in every foreign policy decision and in our immigration laws.

Our country has a history of generosity to people who are fleeing persecution. The United States must continue to be a destination for those who wish to escape injustice, torture, or imprisonment in their native country. That's why you can count on me to continue to support funding for international migration and refugee assistance programs and to support efforts to strengthen our refugee resettlement program.

Finally, I take great pride in representing Maryland's increasingly diverse population in the Senate of the United States. The Korean American community plays an active and important role in Maryland and enriches us with their work ethic and family values. I am so proud to work with Maryland's Korean leaders to stand up for what America stands for – an agenda of empowerment, inclusion and opportunity.

My friends, thank you for all you do to keep the dream of freedom alive for all our children. Best wishes for the continued success I know will be yours.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Barbara A. Mikulski". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name being particularly prominent.

Barbara A. Mikulski
United States Senator