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**Congresswoman Jackie Speier issued the following message on the 53<sup>rd</sup> Anniversary of Tibet Uprising Day:**

On the 53<sup>rd</sup> Anniversary of Tibet Uprising Day, people gather around the world to heed the transcendent message of peace from His Holiness the Dalai Lama who has been forced into exile. We pray for an end to Chinese rule and the imprisonment of Tibetans who are barred from the free practice of their faith. No regime, no government can break the bond between the Dalai Lama and the Tibetan people.

We call for the release of Tibetan political prisoners and remember with honor the many brave Tibetans who have sacrificed their lives for freedom.

And we do all of the above with one strong voice that echoes throughout the world for there is no greater teaching than peace.

One of the highlights of my time in Congress was the opportunity to meet the Dalai Lama.



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