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Dear Friends:

Today marks the 56th Anniversary of the uprising of Tibet against its occupation. Today, we recommit ourselves to the belief that human rights throughout the world can only be secured when self-determination is the norm in every land currently occupied by outside powers.

Through our non-violent protests and the example of wisdom and love personified by His Holiness the Dalai Lama, the People of Tibet have demonstrated to the world that human dignity and hope cannot be extinguished even when great power is arrayed against these human traits. I salute you in your efforts to keep the cause of Tibet before the nations of the world. It is said that Mother Nature abhors a vacuum but it is equally true that the human spirit abhors its oppression. Freedom for Tibet will arrive as surely as the sun rises across its land.

Respectfully yours in peace,

Jackie Speier