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The Honorable Donald J. Trump **President of the United States** The White House 1600 Pennsylvania Avenue Washington, D.C. 20500

Dear Mr. President:

We are writing on behalf of the North Korea Freedom Coalition to thank you for the powerful words you spoke on behalf of the suffering people of North Korea before the Korean National Assembly yesterday.

As the leader of the Free World, you sent the most powerful message that could be sent to the people of North Korea that you care – and all freedom loving people care -- about their suffering under the triple Kim dictatorships. Your speech was so historic and timely because Kim Jong Un lies to convince the people of North Korea that America is their enemy and thus he must have nuclear weapons to defend against the "Yankee imperialist wolves."

We have been disappointed when past U.S. Presidents did not put human rights first and failed to utilize our greatest resource and weapon: the truth. Instead they relied on negotiations that only emboldened the dictatorship. All of these decades when we failed to raise these concerns about the gross human rights violations in North Korea, we fed into Kim's lie: that we are their enemy, and he needs nuclear weapons.

You changed all of that vesterday by giving the most powerful speech of any U.S. President exposing the many aspects of brutality of Kim's dictatorship from the political prison camps to the daily hunger and deprivation and to the cruelty imposed upon those who try to flee North Korea including forced abortions. Please tell Xi Jinping to stop sending North Koreans to their death, and end China's brutal, inhumane, and illegal policy of repatriation. Right now there are hundreds of North Koreans whose lives are in grave danger if China forcibly sends them back to North Korea.

We have long believed that the most powerful weapon we have is the truth and that when North Koreans know the truth, they become our greatest friends and allies. In fact, all the major defector led organizations are active members of our coalition from Free North Korea Radio to Fighters for Free North Korea from the North Korea People's Liberation Front to the New Korea Women's Alliance.

Thank you for speaking the truth and giving hope to those living in such a dark and hellish place and inspiring all of us working for North Korea's freedom and human rights.

Sincerely,

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