



EAST TURKISTAN LOBBY DAY

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2024 Lobby Day Letter to Congress (HOUSE)

East Turkistani / Uyghur-Americans and friends of East Turkistan call on the U.S. Congress to build on its bipartisan leadership in supporting the aspirations of the East Turkistani people (Uyghurs, Kazakhs, Kyrgyz, and other Turkic peoples) for a better future. We are thankful for your commitment to providing both programmatic and political support for the East Turkistani people, both in East Turkistan and in exile.

This year holds profound significance, as it marks the 20th anniversary of the East Turkistani people's courageous act of self-determination—the establishment of the East Turkistan Government in Exile. Born out of the relentless struggle against Chinese occupation and colonization, this government continues to serve as a testament to the unyielding spirit of a people determined to secure their freedom and safeguard their cultural heritage.

We respectfully request your support for key legislation aimed at addressing the Chinese government's genocide and its repressive policies in East Turkistan. It is imperative that Congress act decisively in defense of human rights and justice for the East Turkistani people.

HOUSE ASK

We urge you to co-sponsor and support the following critical pieces of legislation:

- **Uyghur Genocide Intelligence Review Act (H.R.3349)** This act mandates a thorough intelligence review of China's genocidal policies in East Turkistan, ensuring that Congress is fully informed and can take swift action against Chinese officials and entities responsible for these crimes.
- **Uyghur Genocide Accountability and Sanctions Act (H.R.8124)** This bill would impose sanctions on Chinese officials and entities involved in the ongoing genocide in East Turkistan, holding them accountable for genocide and crimes against humanity.
- **Uyghur Forced Labor Disclosure Act (H.R.4840)** This legislation requires companies to disclose their supply chain practices and ensure that no products made with East Turkistani / Uyghur forced labor are entering the U.S. market.
- **Confronting CCP Human Rights Abusers Act (H.R.8847)** This bill would impose sanctions on Chinese Communist Party officials involved in human rights violations, including the ongoing genocide and crimes against humanity against Uyghurs, Kazakhs, Kyrgyz and other Turkic peoples in East Turkistan.
- **Resolution Recognizing East Turkistan as an Occupied Country, Like Tibet** We call on the House to introduce or co-sponsor a resolution recognizing East Turkistan as an occupied country, similar to Tibet, in line with the Captive Nations Law. Chinese occupation and colonization are the root causes of the ongoing genocide and suffering of Uyghurs, Kazakhs, Kyrgyz, and other Turkic peoples in East Turkistan. This resolution would reinforce the East Turkistani people's right to self-determination and independence from Chinese occupation, acknowledging the atrocities as a result of decades of colonial subjugation.

WHAT THESE HOUSE LEGISLATIVE MEASURES WILL DO:

These bills and resolutions will ensure:

- Accountability for Chinese officials involved in genocide and crimes against humanity in East Turkistan.
- Support for East Turkistani external self-determination, affirming the right of the Uyghur, Kazakh, Kyrgyz, and other Turkic peoples to decide their own political future, free from Chinese occupation and oppression.
- Addressing the root of the ongoing genocide, by recognizing Chinese occupation and colonization as the driving force behind the repression, forced assimilation, and cultural erasure of East Turkistan's people.
- Sanctions on companies and individuals profiting from forced labor and exploitation of the East Turkistani people.
- Global leadership in the fight to protect human rights and oppose China's genocidal policies in East Turkistan, reinforcing international solidarity for justice and freedom.

THE URGENCY:

The Chinese government's atrocities in East Turkistan are nothing short of a coordinated effort to eradicate the East Turkistani people and their identity. Millions of Uyghurs, Kazakhs, Kyrgyz and other Turkic peoples are imprisoned in concentration camps and prisons, subjected to torture, enslaved through forced labor, sterilization and organ harvesting. The ongoing genocide poses an existential threat to East Turkistani people, especially the Uyghurs.

Congress must act now to confront China's ongoing campaign of colonization, genocide, and occupation in East Turkistan and demand justice for the East Turkistani people. Your support of these legislative measures is critical to halting these atrocities and safeguarding the rights of East Turkistan's people.

YOUR SUPPORT IS VITAL:

We ask for your leadership in co-sponsoring these vital pieces of legislation and joining the fight for human rights and freedom in East Turkistan.

For more information or to discuss co-sponsorship opportunities, please contact the East Turkistan Government in Exile at MFA@East-Turkistan.Net

Thank you in advance for your leadership and for standing up for the people of East Turkistan.