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Members of the 114th U.S. Congress  
Washington, D.C.

Honorable Senators and Representatives:

This is the twelfth anniversary of my sons Michael and James and my departure for Kunming, Yunnan, PRC to find David. At our departure we made a promise to David's mother, Kathleen, "We will bring David home". As yet we have not been able to keep our promise. In the intervening years my family has assumed several different roles as our perception of the tasks necessary to 'keep the promise' were adjusted by the realities we discovered. I will briefly share our perceptions at the time and our actions to 'keep the promise' and their results or our adjusted assumptions.

August, 2004: *David has been injured or detained erroneously.* Michael, James and Roy trace David's path through Tiger Leaping Gorge on to Shangri-La. **(fact/result)**-David reached Shangri La and then disappeared.

1. Summer, 2005: *David has been detained by elements of the PRC.* Nine family members return to Yunnan Province to meet with provincial government officials resident in Lijiang and Shangri-La as well as U. S. Embassy officials. **(new assumption)**-Having met the family, the PRC will recognize their mistake and release David.
2. Academic years of 2007, 2008: *David has been detained by elements of the PRC.* Kathleen and Roy teach Technical Writing to PhD candidates at South China University of Technology located in Guangzhou, Guangdong, PRC. **(new assumption)**-Having seen our family's service to China, the PRC will recognize their mistake and release David.
3. Summer, 2010 – 2015: *After detaining David, elements of the PRC turned him over to agents of the DPRK.* **(fact/result)**-Our family has continued to interact with the U.S. Department of State to resolve David's location and status.

February, 2016 – present: *David is being held by Pyongyang.* In order to 'keep the promise' our family is appealing to members of the U.S. Congress to cosponsor and then pass the bipartisan joint resolution (H.Con.Res. 114/S.Con Res.30).

**Join with us 'keep the promise': "We will bring David home".**

Sincerely,

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