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Rep. Pitts Commends Resolution Calling for End to Chinese Human Rights Abuses

Resolution condemns China's forced abortion policy

Washington— Congressman Joe Pitts (PA-16) today praised the passage of H.Res. 1370. The resolution calls on the Chinese government to end its human rights abuses to ensure the Olympic Games take place in an atmosphere that honors the Olympic traditions of freedom and openness. The resolution acknowledges the many human rights abuses of the Chinese government, including China's policy of forced abortions and forced sterilization in order to carry out its one child policy.

Congressman Pitts' statement follows:

"I hope passing this resolution right before the President leaves for Beijing makes a strong statement. I urge the President to pressure Chinese officials to end their government's human rights abuses—especially the appalling policy of forced abortions. Coercive abortion is a most horrific violation of the most basic human rights of families in China."

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