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Delegate Melissa Wells
Chair
House Government, Labor and Elections Committee

**HB 751– Victims of Communism Memorial Day
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Dear Chair Wells and Members of the Committee:

My name is Xi Van Fleet. I grew up under one of the most brutal regimes in history—Communist China—and I am a survivor of Mao’s Cultural Revolution.

When I came to America in 1986, I believed I had left Communism behind and that freedom in America was a given. Over time, however, I began to realize that the ideology of Communism—what we now call Woke—had been spreading throughout the western world, including in the United States, long before I arrived here. Like a virus, it mutates and adapts itself to different societies. In America, it has taken forms specifically tailored to the country’s history and culture.

Today we see it in doctrines such as Critical Race Theory, radical feminist theory, Diversity, Equity and Inclusion, cancel culture, and identity politics. These are not isolated ideas. They are branches of the same ideological tree—one that has devastated many nations and destroyed countless lives. Yet too many Americans still do not recognize the danger. Even more troubling, we now see young Americans openly embracing Communism, believing it is simply about fairness and sharing.

Why is this happening? The answer is simple: Americans are not taught the true history of Communism or the horrors it has inflicted on humanity. In China alone, more than 80 million people died under Communist rule. This number does not include the more than 300 million unborn children who were forcibly aborted under the Chinese Communist Party’s one-child policy.

If we are to defend freedom and preserve America, we must teach this history and honor the victims of Communism. That is the mission to which I have dedicated myself—educating Americans about the dangers and crimes of socialism and Communism. Since 2021, I have published two books: *Mao’s America: A Survivor’s Warning* and *Made in America: The Hidden History of How the U.S. Enabled Communist China and Created Our Greatest Threat*.

For the same reason, I strongly support Delegate Matt Morgan’s bill, HB751, to establish a Victims of Communism Memorial Day, and I submit this written testimony in its support. We must learn history so that we do not repeat its horrors.

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