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STATEMENT RELEASE

This week was perhaps the most difficult and heartbreaking for all Tibetans because of the malicious and deplorable accusations against His Holiness the Dalai Lama. The hurtful insinuation against His Holiness the Dalai Lama and the misconstrual of his love and affection are not just words of criticism or crude remarks to Tibetans. For us, those unfair, deeply hurtful, and disrespectful words of attack on His Holiness the Dalai Lama were a direct attack on the very core of Tibetan existence, faith, and everything we pride ourselves in. His Holiness the Dalai Lama embodies Avalokiteshvara, the bodhisattva of compassion and the protector of Tibet. Therefore, what the world of social media did by failing to understand the entire context and hastily attacking an unimpeachable character of a global icon for peace was a threat to peace itself.

We cannot begin to imagine what our Tibetan brothers and sisters in Tibet go through under the acrimonious denunciation of His Holiness the Dalai Lama by the Chinese Communist Party. Now the world unknowingly acting as the vehicle of spreading more hate and propaganda by the Chinese Community party against our beloved leader has caused us much pain and sadness; however, we Tibetans have not lost hope as we have witnessed many people across the world who can see through this smear campaign and take heart in the outpouring love and support for His Holiness.

His whole life, His Holiness has sacrificed His own needs and wants for the sake of peace and harmony throughout the world—the degree to which He has done so is difficult for ordinary people to comprehend. Even as he approaches his ninetieth birthday, his resolve has never faltered. He devotes every minute of his time to the well-being of all sentient beings. If we take a step back and think, we can see that he is a jewel for the entire world.

The Tibetan Community of Northern California genuinely and unequivocally stands with His Holiness the Dalai Lama, and we devote our utmost faith and beliefs in His teachings. We pray fervently that he may live for a long time and continue to benefit this world and all beings.

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