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112TH CONGRESS  
1ST SESSION

# H. R. 2583

[Report No. 112-223]

To authorize appropriations for the Department of State for fiscal year  
2012, and for other purposes.

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### IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JULY 19, 2011

Ms. ROS-LEHTINEN introduced the following bill; which was referred to the  
Committee on Foreign Affairs

SEPTEMBER 23, 2011

Reported with an amendment, committed to the Committee of the Whole  
House on the State of the Union, and ordered to be printed

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[For text of introduced bill, see copy of bill as introduced on July 19, 2011]

1 **SEC. 1153. ACTIONS TO SECURE FREEDOM OF CHEN**  
2 **GUANGCHENG AND OTHER HUMAN RIGHTS**  
3 **DEFENDERS IN THE PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF**  
4 **CHINA.**

5 *(a) FINDINGS.—Congress finds the following:*

6 *(1) Blind, self-taught legal advocate Chen*  
7 *Guangcheng publicly exposed the fact that in 2005,*  
8 *130,000 involuntary abortions and sterilizations were*  
9 *performed on women in Linyi County, Shandong*  
10 *Province in a single year.*

11 *(2) Mr. Chen was arrested on June 21, 2006,*  
12 *tried on November 27, 2006, and sentenced on Decem-*  
13 *ber 1, 2006, to four years and three months in jail,*  
14 *on charges of “intentional destruction or damage to*  
15 *property” and “gathering people to disturb traffic*  
16 *order”.*

17 *(3) The prosecution and trial of Mr. Chen has*  
18 *drawn repeated criticism for its lack of due process*  
19 *of law, including the detention of his defense lawyers*  
20 *on the eve of trial and the alleged extraction of wit-*  
21 *ness statements under torture.*

22 *(4) Time Magazine named Mr. Chen one of*  
23 *“2006’s Top 100 People Who Shape Our World”, in*  
24 *the category of “Heroes and Pioneers”.*

25 *(5) In August 2007, Chinese authorities stopped*  
26 *Mr. Chen’s wife, Yuan Weijing, at the airport, re-*

1        *evoked her passport, and forcibly returned her to her*  
2        *village as she attempted to travel to Manila to collect*  
3        *Mr. Chen's Magsaysay Award, known as Asia's Nobel*  
4        *Prize.*

5                *(6) Mr. Chen was released from prison on Sep-*  
6        *tember 9, 2010, with a chronic, debilitating intestinal*  
7        *illness contracted in prison, for which he has been al-*  
8        *lowed no medical treatment.*

9                *(7) Mr. Chen is now under house arrest, where*  
10        *he has been repeatedly and severely beaten, and de-*  
11        *nied adequate medical treatment and nutrition de-*  
12        *spite fragile and deteriorating health.*

13                *(8) Mr. Chen's wife, Yuan Weijing, and their*  
14        *children have been subjected to harassment, surveil-*  
15        *lance, and confinement throughout Mr. Chen's impris-*  
16        *onment and house arrest.*

17                *(9) Mr. Chen and Ms. Yuan secretly recorded a*  
18        *video describing the harsh conditions of their house*  
19        *arrest, which included constant surveillance by 66 se-*  
20        *curity police, severed telephone and internet connec-*  
21        *tions, lack of adequate food, and continued intima-*  
22        *tion by officials, who enter their home at any time,*  
23        *without notice.*

24                *(10) In February 2011, following the video's re-*  
25        *lease, Mr. Chen's legal team tried to assist him, but*

1        *several were placed under house arrest, and two of his*  
2        *lawyers, Jiang Tianyong and Teng Biao, were beaten*  
3        *and later disappeared.*

4            *(11) The Foreign Correspondents' Club of China*  
5        *issued the following warning on February 17, 2011,*  
6        *“Correspondents should be careful if they attempt to*  
7        *enter the village of activist Chen Guangcheng in*  
8        *Shandong Province. In recent days several cor-*  
9        *respondents have encountered groups of violent, plain-*  
10       *clothes thugs. . . They have pushed reporters around,*  
11       *threatened them with bricks, damaged their cars, con-*  
12       *fiscated or destroyed their equipment and taken their*  
13       *press credentials”.*

14           *(12) The 2010 Congressional-Executive Commis-*  
15       *sion on China Report states that “Chinese authorities*  
16       *continued to implement population planning policies*  
17       *that interfere with and control the reproductive lives*  
18       *of women, employing various methods including fines,*  
19       *cancellation of state benefits and permits, forced steri-*  
20       *lization, forced abortion, arbitrary detention, and*  
21       *other abuses”.*

22        *(b) SENSE OF CONGRESS.—It is the sense of Congress*  
23       *that—*

24           *(1) the Government of the People’s Republic of*  
25       *China should cease its harassment of Chen*

1 *Guangcheng and his family, including his wife,*  
2 *daughter, son, and mother, and arrange medical*  
3 *treatment for him and his wife, Yuan Weijing;*

4 *(2) the Government of the People's Republic of*  
5 *China should release Chen Guangcheng and his fam-*  
6 *ily from house arrest, allow them freedom of move-*  
7 *ment, and allow access to him by international dip-*  
8 *lomats and journalists;*

9 *(3) the President and the Secretary of State*  
10 *should actively and repeatedly seek diplomatic visits*  
11 *to Chen Guangcheng and his family;*

12 *(4) the President, Secretary of State, and other*  
13 *Administration officials should raise the issue of har-*  
14 *assed, arrested, disappeared, and disbarred human*  
15 *rights lawyers and defenders with the Government of*  
16 *the People's Republic of China and link this issue to*  
17 *United States interests in the rule of law and human*  
18 *rights;*

19 *(5) the President, Secretary of State, and other*  
20 *United States Government officials should aggres-*  
21 *sively and repeatedly raise the issue of the coercive*  
22 *implementation of China's birth limitation policy*  
23 *with President Hu Jintao; and*

24 *(6) Chen Guangcheng and his wife, Yuan*  
25 *Weijing, are to be commended for their courage and*

1        *integrity and should be supported in their determina-*  
2        *tion to expose and oppose coercive population control*  
3        *methods in China that violate the human rights of*  
4        *women.*