

Bob Dole



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WASHINGTON -- Senate Majority Leader Bob Dole today issued the following statement on the release of Harry Wu:

I am greatly relieved that human rights advocate Harry Wu has finally been released from his unjust imprisonment by China. I am certain that his family must be anxious to be with him. While this is good news, let us remember that the quick show trial and sentencing of Harry Wu -- based on a forced confession -- is the most recent and vivid example of China's continued human rights violations. Harry Wu is an American citizen and the United States Government must keep this in mind as it responds to this egregious act. Mr. Wu's imprisonment was not only a violation of his fundamental rights, but a slap in the face of the United States.

Therefore, I would hope and urge that in the wake of Harry Wu's unjust conviction and subsequent release President Clinton declines to send a delegation to the U.N. Women's Conference in China. The U.S. delegation's presence at the Conference -- a propaganda showcase for China -- would make it appear to Beijing that we are conducting business as usual -- the wrong message to send to the leadership in Beijing. Furthermore, this misguided Conference and its left-wing ideological agenda remains a genuine waste of the taxpayer's money.

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