Thank you, Mr. Chairman, for giving me the opportunity

to testify about my people in North Korea.

For the first time, as a North Korean defector, I would like to

thank you, Mr. Chairman Jim Leach, and all Members of Congress

who laid a North Korean Human Rights Act and passed it last

year.

As you know, the North Korean regime has completely controlled

their people as a leader absolutism dictatorship from Kim Il-sung

through his son, Kim Jong-il.

Over 200,000 people are imprisoned in political prison camps and

around 3 million innocent people died because of starvation, but

the Kim Jong-il dictatorship regime is devoted to develop its nuclear

capability and to war preparation.

North Korean people are still completely isolated from outside

world information by Kim’s regime, and they do not know about

the currents of freedom and democracy around the world.

Hundreds of thousands of North Korean refugees are still hovering

between life and death in China without any legal protections

under threats of enforced repatriation by the Chinese Government.

The word of freedom and democracy is nothing for North Korean

people and they cannot imagine what the concept is.

The Kim Jong-il regime uses anti-Americanism as the way for

maintaining his power. North Korea is the country that enforces

systematically anti-Americanism education from children to adult.

Anti-Americanism education focuses that the Americans invaded

Korea since 100 years ago, invaded Korean War at 1950, killed

many innocent Korean people, still station large troops in South

Korea for blocking unification between North and South, and still

seek to re-invade North Korea.

American people provide huge humanitarian aid to suffering

North Korean people after severe food lack of North Korea in 1995,

but Kim’s regime distorts the truth as Americans are invaders and

murderers.

These facts tell us how the North Korean Human Rights Act,

which was passed last year, is important for North Korean people.

Kim Jong-il regime, which completely ignores its own people, is

very afraid of the increasing concern of international society regarding

North Korean human rights. North Korean Human Rights

Act, which was passed unanimously by the U.S. Congress and Senate,

is very significant for North Korean democracy.

Enforcement of the North Korean Human Rights Act is a very

important way to help North Korean people who are completely

violated in their human rights by dictatorship regime, and refugees

who are afraid of repatriation by the Chinese Government.

As a defector, I would like to ask you for enforcement of North

Korean Human Rights Act which can provide the concept of freedom,

democracy, and human rights to my people in North Korea

as soon as possible.

And secondly, I would like to ask you to help us defectors, so we

can make radio programs by ourselves. The defectors were born in

North Korea, they grew up there, and they were educated from the

North Korean education system so that they know about heart of

North Korean people, also their thinking.

Therefore, I strongly believe that a radio program by defectors is

very effective to provide outside world information to North Korean

people.

I also would like to ask you to help the act of Exiled Committee

for North Korean Democracy, based in South Korea.

The Exile Committee for North Korean Democracy consists of

representatives of 18 defectors organizations among 6,000 defectors

in South Korea, and started a variety of actions for North Korean

democracy.

Once more, thank you all Members of Congress who passed

unanimously the North Korean Human Rights Act, also concern for

political prison camps, human rights abuse, refugees, and people

who live in North Korea and are completely isolated from outside

world.

Thank you.

[Through translator.] Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Yes,

the population in general in North Korea from childhood until they

become adult, they go through this process of brain-washing anti-

Americanism, so by the time they reach adult they take it for

granted the Americans are bad.

Yes, most of them are under the influence of this brain-washing.

[Through translator.] The situation of North Korean

refugees inside China has gotten much worse than before. It is

really a dire situation. My opinion is the United States and the free

world should apply more pressure to China to ease up the abuse

Chinese authorities have been committing against these North Korean

refugees.

[Through translator.] Political prison camps in North

Korea, it is not just one political prisoner who committed alleged

crime against the regime, but three generations get automatically

imprisoned if somebody is found guilty of any charges.

In many cases if you get imprisoned as a child inside the prison

camps, they will live there and stay there until they grow very old.

Juche ideology, nobody understands outside Korea, but now even

North Korean people, they do not know what juche ideology really

is. Nobody understands juche ideology. Instead some sets in South

Korea, they claim they know juche ideology, and they use juche

ideology, they interpret and they use juche ideology.