

Dear [insert representative, MP, head of state, etc.],

I am writing to respectfully urge you to commit [insert country] to a diplomatic boycott of the 2022 Winter Olympic Games, scheduled to take place in Beijing, China — a country ruled by one of the world's most egregious human rights abusers — by (1) refusing to send official representation to the Beijing Olympics and (2) leaving [insert country]'s Olympic box seats empty in peaceful protest.

Dictators don't belong at the Olympics, and they should certainly never receive the honor of hosting the Games. However, unfortunately, there is a long tradition of dictators using the Olympics to legitimize their brutal regimes. By granting China the opportunity to host the 2022 Winter Olympics, the International Olympic Committee (IOC) has allowed one of the world's most notorious dictators, Xi Jinping, to whitewash the Chinese government's atrocities.

China is ruled by a fully authoritarian regime, headed by the Chinese Communist Party (CCP). The CCP maintains total control over the country's government, military, economy, judiciary, and educational system, and it has unabashedly attacked fundamental human rights, which has included the Uyghur genocide, the erosion of civil liberties in Hong Kong, and ongoing oppression in Tibet. Beijing does not deserve the honor of being the first city in history to host both Summer and Winter Olympics as the CCP carries out these abuses.

Instead, the CCP must be condemned by the international community over its human rights violations. The United States, Canada, United Kingdom, Australia, and several other countries have already announced a diplomatic boycott of the 2022 Games. More countries must stand together and follow suit, as well as show solidarity with the people of the Uyghur Region, Hong Kong, and Tibet.

Please join this movement to ensure that [insert country] does not send an official delegation to Beijing 2022, and to send a powerful message to both the CCP and the IOC that human rights and human dignity matter — at the Olympics and everywhere else. For more information, please visit <https://hrf.org/programs/empty-box/>.

Sincerely,

[your name]