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Frank I. Smizik

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March 11, 2008

Dear Friend,

On Tuesday, April 1<sup>st</sup> at 3pm in Nurses Hall here in the State House, I invite you to join me in honoring Dr. Yang Jianli, a survivor of the 1989 Tiananmen Square Massacre, a longtime activist for democracy and human rights, and a Brookline resident who recently returned home after five years spent as a political prisoner in China.

At the event, we will offer our congratulations and support to Dr. Yang as he begins a 500-mile walk from Boston to Washington D.C. designed to thank the American people for their support during his period of imprisonment and "to encourage their continued leadership in the cause of freedom around the world."

Dr. Yang is a rare individual who has done much to advance the cause of democracy around the world, and who has brought great honor both to himself and to our Commonwealth. Because Dr. Yang has demonstrated such an unwavering determination to the cause of human rights, I ask that you join with me in welcoming him home, in honoring him, and in sending him off on his journey with the dignity befitting his purpose.

I look forward to having you join us in honoring this remarkable son of the Commonwealth.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Frank I. Smizik".

Frank I. Smizik  
STATE REPRESENTATIVE