

RE: Letter to ANA President Cipriano Re: Forced organ harvesting from prisoners of conscience in China and the leadership role of American Nurses. August 05, 2016.

Thank you for sharing your concerns with the American Nurses Association. This issue carries international significance and ANA commends you and your organization for your efforts to eradicate this problem. However, we do not have the resources to engage in advocacy on this issue at this time. ANA is a member of the International Council of Nurses (ICN), and we will raise this issue to this organization. Additionally, the Chinese Nursing Association is a member of ICN and collectively can contribute to this conversation.

The ANA Code of Ethics for Nurses with Interpretive Statements holds that “the fundamental principle that underlies all nursing practice is respect for the inherent dignity, worth, unique attributes, and human rights of all individuals” and the concerns you raise are contrary to the ethical standards of the nursing profession within the United States. In addition, the ICN Code of Ethics calls for nurses to “promote an environment in which the human rights, values, customs and spiritual beliefs of the individual, family and community are respected”. We encourage you to continue raising awareness about this disturbing practice and engaging in the diligent advocacy that will lead to its end. Thank you and feel free to contact me with any questions or concerns.

Thanks,
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