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Eric Schmidt
Chairman of the Board and CEO of Google, Inc.
1600 Amphitheatre Parkway
Mountain View, CA 94043

Dear Mr. Schmidt:

I applaud you and the entire Google Corporation for the wise choice to end your self-censorship in Communist China. It was a travesty that you initially agreed to allow your product to be used to help maintain the oppression of the Chinese people. The decision to sacrifice your morality for business expedience was the wrong one; however I am glad to see that Google has changed its track and returned to a moral course.

Google is by no means the only company to have been lured into compromising itself in order to do business in China. Yahoo has also conspired with China to steal the freedoms of Chinese citizens. Yahoo founder, Jerry Yang, was called a moral pygmy by late Representative Tom Lantos for his company's dealings with China. I am pleased that you have decided to no longer be a moral pygmy, but to stand up like a noble giant.

The case of Google in China should be an example to other US companies thinking of doing business with repressive regimes. Once you start down the slippery slope of compromising your integrity and literally selling out your moral values to despots the line between you and them grows thinner and thinner, until there is no longer any difference. Again, I congratulate you and the rest of Google for your decision to stop being a tool of subjugation and to return to a moral path.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Dana Rohrabacher".

Dana Rohrabacher
Member of Congress