

Senate Democratic Policy Committee Hearing

“Do China’s Abusive Labor Practices Encourage Outsourcing and Drive Down American Wages?”

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Mark Barenberg is a professor of law at Columbia University. He authored the study on Chinese labor abuses that became the basis for the AFL-CIO’s petition on China’s labor practices. His principal areas of interest are labor and employment law, international labor rights, constitutional law, global economic institutions, legal and political theory.

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She was released only after pressure from the international community raised public awareness of her situation. She was turned away by Chinese government officials at the Shanghai airport when she tried to visit her dying father.

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