

## **Tibetans Buddhists Courageously Speak Out Against Dalai Lama's Claiming Religious Discrimination, this Saturday in Madison WI**

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Through utilizing the free press unavailable in the Tibetan Exile communities, Tibetan and western Buddhists have come together in Madison during the Dalai Lama's week of teaching to speak out against this discrimination and persecution.

Kelsang Pema, Western Buddhist nun and spokesperson for the Western Shugden Society (WSS) will be available on sight for interviews and questions and in an unprecedented act, DVDs of first-hand testimonial's of Tibetans and westerners around the world speaking out about their victimization at the hands of this celebrity monk, the Dalai Lama, will be available.

"The Dalai Lama will come to Madison and talk about peace and compassion, but he is not practicing what he is teaching. In India, thousands of innocent monks have been expelled from their monasteries, supporters denied food and travel visas, families are being ostracized from their communities and countless Shugden Temples and statues destroyed.

We need to demonstrate because none of the other methods we have tried have succeeded in bringing about a meaningful discussion with him. Our only aim is to have this ban lifted so that millions of innocent people can continue with their spiritual life in peace and harmony."

For Further Information visit [www.westernshugdensociety.org](http://www.westernshugdensociety.org)



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