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Your Excellency;

Please forgive me for approaching you on behalf of the incarcerated Christians Ding Zhongfu and Zhou Songli from the Province of Anhui.

Both were arrested on November 30, 2023 during raids conducted on Ganquan Church members in the location of Hefei. The police also searched the apartments of those affected. Along with the church elder and the pastor, two preachers and a co-worker were also arrested, but they were released on bail on December 28th, 2023.

On October 5, 1996, the People's Republic of China signed the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights, which includes the right to religious freedom in Article 18. The arrest of Christians constitutes a serious violation of religious freedom, even though this human right is guaranteed by Article 36 of your country's constitution. With this in mind, I humbly beseech you, dear Mr. President, to advocate the immediate unconditional release of these two Christians.

Most respectfully,