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Your Excellency;

Please forgive me for approaching you on behalf of the Chinese Christian bookseller, Mr. Chen Yu. He has been held in custody since September of 2019. The official allegation is "Illegal business activity." Chen Yu has sold Christian literature, including Bibles, in his bookstore. In September of 2020 he was sentenced to seven years in prison and an additional monetary fine, this sentence has since been confirmed on appeal.

I consider this action a violation of religious freedom. Please excuse me, Your Excellency, for taking the liberty of reminding you of Article 36 of the "Constitution of the People's Republic of China," where it states:

"Citizens of the People's Republic of China shall enjoy freedom of religious belief. No state organ, social organization or individual shall coerce citizens to believe in or not to believe in any religion, nor shall they discriminate against citizens who believe in or do not believe in any religion."

This is why I humbly beseech you, dear Mr. President, to advocate the observance of religious freedom in the "People's Republic of China" and to do everything in your power to have this incarcerated Christian released.

Most respectfully,