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Your Excellency;

Please forgive me for approaching you on behalf of the Chinese Christians, Wang Xiaoguang and Yang Rongli. This married couple belongs to the leadership of a Protestant house church in the locality of Linfen (Shangxi Province). The husband is the pastor and his wife is a preacher.

Along with seven other Christians, they were arrested on August 7, 2021, and it later turned out that they were accused of fraud. It is most noticeable that Chinese authorities regularly use this allegation when taking action against unregistered churches.

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 the incarcerated Christians released.

Most respectfully,