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Your Excellency;

Please forgive me for approaching you on behalf of the Christian, Mr. Chang Hao, in Yunnan Province.

He was arrested on April 14, 2023 during a search of his home church. He allegedly pursued a brawl to provoke trouble. Mr. Chang Hao has not yet been permitted to speak to a lawyer. His relatives have hired a criminal defense attorney, who has so far not been given access to the files concerning this case. The family does not even know anything about the whereabouts of Mr. Chang Hao.

On October 5, 1996, the People's Republic of China signed the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights, which in Article 18 includes the right to freedom of religion. The arrest of the Christian represents 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, dear Mr. President, I humbly beseech you to advocate the immediate release of Mr. Chang Hao.

Most respectfully,