

To his Excellency  
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Your Excellency;

Please forgive me for approaching you on behalf of the incarcerated Vietnamese Christian Mr. Rlan Thih. He has been in prison since December 2022. He was sentenced to eight years in prison and an additional three years of a suspended sentence by a court in the Province Gia Lai.

He is accused of "Endangering National Unity." He is said to have encouraged fellow citizens to join his Christian community. The Protestant Christian, who belongs to the Montagnard minority, merely claimed his right to freely practice his religion.

Vietnam is a party to the "International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights," which guarantees the right to religious freedom in Article 18, and I beseech you, dear Mr. President, to do everything in your power to advocate for the release of Mr. Rlan Thih.

Most respectfully.