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Your Excellency;

Please forgive me for turning to you on behalf of the Vietnamese Christian and church leader, the Reverend Y Pum Bya, from the province of Dak Lak.

He has been imprisoned for more than 13 years because of his religious beliefs. After serving prison terms from 2002 to 2010, he was sentenced to an additional 14 years in prison on January 31, 2019, despite his exclusively peaceful defense of civil rights, including freedom of religion, guaranteed by Vietnam's constitution.

In addition, Vietnam has been a party to the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights since 1982, which guarantees freedom of belief and religion.

Therefore, dear Mr. President, I humbly beseech you do everything in your power to advocate the immediate release of the Reverend Y Pum Bya from prison. According to my information, he is being held in Gia Trung prison in Gia Lai province

Most respectfully,

Yours,