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Your Excellency;

Please forgive me for turning to you on behalf of the Christian pastor, the Rev. A. Dao, of the “Montagnard Evangelical Church of Christ,” who was arrested in August of 2016 after his return from the “Democratic Republic Timor-Este,” where he had attended a conference on religious liberty.

He is officially accused of illegally aiding escape into foreign countries. He, however, rejects this accusation. On April 27th 2017, a court of law sentenced this pastor to five years in prison. According to this sentence, he cannot be released before August of 2021.

He has only – in nonviolent manner – advocated the right of religious freedom, which is guaranteed in Article 24 of the 2014 Constitution of the “Socialist Republic of Vietnam.”

I therefore humbly beseech you, dear Mr. President, to advocate the immediate and unconditional release of the Rev. A. Dao.

Most respectfully,