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Your Excellency;

On December 9th of last year, police arrested Home Church pastor Wang Yi and more than 100 members of his church in the city of Chengdu.

As has become known, the authorities have charged him with incitement to endanger the state. His wife, Mrs. Jiang Rong, is under the same suspicion, and she is currently under house arrest. Their 11-year-old son, who suffers from the separation from his parents, was accommodated with his grandmother. Reportedly, the police used violence during the arrests.

Please permit me to remind you, your Excellency, that Pastor Wang Yi has only exercised his right, guaranteed in Article 36 of the Constitution of the People's Republic of China, when he publicly taught the Christian faith.

Therefore, I humbly beseech you, dear Mr. President, to please do everything in your power to advocate the release of Pastor Wang Yi. Unfortunately, an increasing number of recent reports suggests that the praxis of restricting religious freedom in China is currently on the rise.

Most respectfully,