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Xi Jinping, President of the People's Republic of China
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Dear President Xi,

I write to express my continued concern about the wellbeing of my constituent's father, Deyong Zhou. There are numerous instances of Deyong Zhou's civil rights being violated during his detainment that directly violate the Criminal Procedure Law of the People's Republic of China.

Deyong Zhou was detained on the morning of April 23rd, 2021 in Dongying, Shandong Province by the local police of the Binhai Police Bureau. The local police refused to disclose the Mr. Zhou's detention for two weeks, which violates the Chinese Criminal Procedure Law, and prevented contact with his lawyer until May 26th. Mr. Zhou was formally arrested on May 31st for possession of Falun Gong materials belonging to his wife under a charge roughly equally "harming of national security." This delay between his detainment and formal arrest lasted over a month and did not result in any notice or warrant to Mr. Zhou's relatives, again in violation of the Chinese Criminal Procedure Law.

Deyong Zhou diligently worked over 30 years for the Shengli Oil Field contributing as the Director of the Geological Scientific Research Institute of the Shengli Oil Field. Mr. Zhou's rights under Chinese law were violated by the Binhai Police Bureau and I ask that those violations be noted in his upcoming trial. I also respectfully ask that you immediately stop the persecution of all Falun Gong practitioners as well as all prisoners of conscience. I ask you to respect their human rights of freedom of thought, conscience, and religion and allow Mr. Zhou to reunite with his family and friends as soon as possible. Your consideration of my concerns with Mr. Zhou's detainment and arrest so far is appreciated. Please know that I will continue to monitor this situation.

Sincerely,



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