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The Honourable Melanie Joly, P.C., M.P.  
Minister of Foreign Affairs  
House of Commons  
Ottawa, ON, K1A 0A6

Dear Minister:

**Re: Detention of Ms. Liu Yan in China**

Please accept my warm congratulations on your appointment as the Minister of Foreign Affairs. I look forward to collaborating with your office on issues important to Canadians.

I am writing to bring the case of Ms. Liu Yan to your attention. Ms. Liu was arrested on September 30 by authorities in the People's Republic of China for her spiritual belief as a Falun Gong practitioner.

Ms. Liu has close ties to Canada. She worked closely with Canadian academics at Jilin University-Lambton College in Changchun, China as the institution is partnered with foreign institutions, including the Memorial University of Newfoundland. Her daughter, Miss Liu Mingyuan, studies computer animation at Sheridan College in Oakville, Ontario.

Our office has been made aware of Ms. Liu's previous arrests by the Chinese Communist Party. She, along with her family, have been victims of persecution by the hands of the regime since 1999. Ms. Liu has been harassed, arrested, detained, kidnapped, tortured, and forced into slave labour for her spiritual beliefs.

Parliamentarians have been clear in expressing their deep concern about the persecution of Falun Gong practitioners. Ms. Liu is among 12 other prisoners of conscience with Canadian ties who remain in custody in China because of their engagement in this spiritual practise. It is integral for Canada to stand up for the fundamental human rights of freedom of religion and conscience.

I hope that you will work to support the call for Ms. Liu's release. Please do not hesitate to reach out if you would like to discuss further.

Thank you for your assistance.

Yours sincerely,

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cc. The Right Honourable Justin Trudeau, P.C., M.P.

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