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Your Excellency;

Please forgive me for turning to you on behalf of the Protestant Christian pastor, the Rev. Y Yich, who has been incarcerated for almost ten years. On November 14, 2013, he was sentenced to twelve years in prison to be followed by a five-year suspended sentence for championing civil rights, including the right to freedom of religion. I am very concerned about his health as various sources report that the detainee has been tortured and has not received needed medical attention for serious health conditions.

I humbly beseech you, dear Mr. President, to do everything in your power to arrange for medical examination, the necessary treatments and to advocate Yich's immediate release from prison.

Most respectfully,