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Dear Director:

I am writing to you out of concern for two of your citizens, Lu Yuyu and Li Tingyu. Lu Yuyu and Li Tingyu have been detained on suspicion of “picking quarrels and provoking trouble.” In reality, they are just bloggers who have compiled and released data via social media on protests in China.

It is clear that Lu Yuyu and Li Tingyu have been detained solely for exercising their right to freedom of expression. Furthermore, the data that they have compiled and released are simply objective facts. Criminalizing this kind of activity is a clear human rights violation. Therefore, I respectfully urge you to immediately and unconditionally release Lu Yuyu and Li Tingyu.

I am greatly concerned that Lu Yuyu and Li Tingyu are at risk of torture and other ill-treatment while in custody. I further urge you to ensure that, while in detention, Lu Yuyu and Li Tingyu have regular, unrestricted access to family and the lawyers of their choice, and are not subjected to torture or other ill-treatment.

Finally, I urge you to take action to ensure that, in the future, the right to freedom of expression is protected in the People’s Republic of China and that vaguely worded laws are not used to unjustly detain or prosecute individuals who publicly express their views.

Sincerely,