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Dear Director:

I write to draw your attention to the case of Wu Gan.

In December of 2017, Wu Gan was sentenced to eight years’ imprisonment and deprived of political rights for a further five years for “subverting state power.” After the sentencing, Wu Gan released a statement saying that he had rejected a request for a guilty plea in exchange for a more lenient sentence and, as a result, was given a harsher sentence in comparison to other activists. He also named 13 officials who allegedly tortured him. Prior to his closed trial, Wu Gan had been detained for over 28 months without access to his family.

I respectfully urge you to immediately and unconditionally release Wu Gan as he has been imprisoned solely for peacefully exercising his right to freedom of expression and assembly. Pending his release, please ensure that he has unrestricted access to family and lawyers of his choice and is not subjected to torture or ill-treatment. Furthermore, I ask you to conduct a prompt, impartial investigation into the alleged torture and bring those responsible to justice.

Yours sincerely,