Director Li Xin

Chengdu City Detention Centre

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People’s Republic of China

Dear Director:

I write to you with great concern for Li Yingqiang, a member of the Early Rain Covenant Church in Chengdu, Sichuan province. Li Yingqiang is an elder of the church and was unjustifiably placed under criminal detention based on suspicion of “picking quarrels and provoking trouble.”

Li Yingqiang has had no access to a lawyer while detained at Chengdu City Detention Centre. His wellbeing is a serious concern as he is at risk of torture or other ill-treatment.

I urge you to release Li Yingqiang unconditionally and immediately unless there is credible and admissible evidence that he has committed an internationally recognized offense and is granted a fair trial in line with international standards. Furthermore, I ask you to ensure that he is protected from torture and other ill-treatment while in detention and that he is allowed regular access to his family and to a lawyer of his choice without delay.

Yours sincerely,