



Jerry Yang  
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Dear Mr. Yang:

I write to you on behalf of Amnesty International, a Nobel-prize winning organization of 2.2 million members that defends human rights worldwide, including the rights to freedom of expression and privacy. As you know, Amnesty International considers Shi Tao a prisoner of conscience, wrongfully imprisoned for the peaceful and legitimate exercise of his right to freedom of expression. Amnesty International believes that Yahoo! facilitated his persecution by the Chinese government, and therefore has a particular responsibility to publicly work towards his release.

We recognize that you wrote to Secretary Rice requesting the U.S. State Department to pursue Shi Tao's release; we again call on you and your company to use the full scope of your influence in engaging both U.S. and Chinese authorities.

That Shi Tao and others remain in prison after using Yahoo! services, as your company remains silent in China, hollows your human rights fund and scholarship into seeming public relations attempts. Your company's response to the imprisonment of journalists and dissidents who have relied on your services must include a clear focus on their releases.

Yahoo!'s participation in the Global Network Initiative does not prevent it from pro-actively taking up the recommendations we have made consistently in and since our 2006 report, *Undermining Freedom of Expression in China*, including that Yahoo! should lobby for the release of cyber-dissidents and journalists imprisoned solely for the peaceful and legitimate exercise of their freedom of expression.

Amnesty International has spoken with Yahoo! on several occasions, and remains open to addressing any questions you may have for us. Most of all, we look forward to hearing of your committed, sustained efforts to release Shi Tao and other prisoners of conscience who have relied on your company in exercising their right to freedom of expression and in expecting respect of their right to privacy.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Larry Cox".

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