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Your Excellency:

I write out of concern for **Liu Xiaobo**, 2010 Nobel Peace Prize recipient, who was charged with "inciting subversion of state power" and given an 11-year prison sentence on December 25, 2009 for co-authoring a proposal for political and legal reform in China. The conviction of Liu Xiaobo was an attempt to prevent him from carrying out his peaceful and legitimate human rights activities.

I urge you to stop the use of broad and vaguely defined charges such as "stealing, possessing and leaking state secrets" and "subversion" to arbitrarily detain and prosecute activists, journalists and internet users. The detention, placement under house arrest, and harassment of peaceful human rights activists, which has grown in recent years, runs counter to promises made by officials in China's National Human Rights Action Plan 2009-2010.

I urge you to release Liu Xiaobo immediately and unconditionally and ensure that he is not tortured or otherwise ill-treated while he remains in custody. I also call on the authorities to ensure Liu Xiaobo has access to his family and lawyers.

I thank you for your attention to these concerns and look forward to your reply.

Sincerely,

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