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Your Excellency:

I am concerned that Shi Tao, a journalist and poet, has been imprisoned for exercising his right to freedom of expression. In April 2004, he sent an email to a U.S.-based website summarizing a government order directing media organizations in China to downplay the 15th anniversary of the 1989 crackdown on pro-democracy activists. In April 2005, a court sentenced Shi Tao to 10 years in prison on charges of “illegally providing state secrets to foreign entities.”

I am alarmed at Chinese authorities' use of vaguely-worded laws to detain journalists, dissidents and others engaged in the peaceful exercise of their right to free expression. Amnesty International considers Shi Tao to be a prisoner of conscience.

I respectfully urge you to bring about the immediate and unconditional release of Shi Tao and all others in China who have been jailed solely for exercising their right to freedom of expression. Thank you.

Sincerely,

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