

United States Senate

WASHINGTON, DC 20510

October 6, 2004

The Honorable Hu Jintao
President of the People's Republic of China
c/o Embassy of the People's Republic of China
2300 Connecticut Ave, NW
Washington, D.C. 20008

Dear President Hu:

We write to express our ongoing concern about the case of Dr. Yang Jianli, a legal permanent resident of the United States who has been detained in China since April 26, 2002.

As you may know, Dr. Yang's initial solitary and *incommunicado* confinement for over a year without access to counsel, reading materials, or exercise led the United Nations to find that he was being held in violation of international law. Both the U.S. Senate and House of Representatives unanimously passed resolutions calling for his release.

Now, in light of Dr. Yang's recent conviction and five-year prison sentence, we would like you to consider a petition for his parole. Dr. Yang has been imprisoned for over two years; a detention the United Nations Working Group on Arbitrary Detention has ruled in violation of international law. Your Government has expressed interest in resolving differences regarding human rights matters through dialogue and consultation, rather than through confrontation. This case offers one opportunity to do so.

Dr. Yang is an accomplished scholar and a non-violent advocate of democracy. His ongoing detention is causing great pain and anguish to his family, his wife, two young children, and especially his 93-year-old father who is in ill health.

We strongly urge you to parole Dr. Yang, which is within your justice system's purview, as soon as he is eligible on October 26, 2004. Your Government's decision to grant him parole would be beneficial to all parties involved.

Thank you in advance for your consideration of our request.

Sincerely,





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