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The Honorable Lorne W. Craner  
Assistant Secretary, Bureau of Democracy, Human  
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Dear Mr. Craner:

I am writing to seek your assistance in obtaining the release of Yang Jianli, a permanent resident of the U.S. and head of the Boston, Massachusetts-based Foundation for China in the 21st Century. As the attached article from the Associated Press describes, Mr. Jianli was arrested while trying to board a flight in Kunming because he was not using proper identification.

While I understand there are extenuating circumstances about his case, his arrest and imprisonment are troubling. Mr. Jianli has been an outspoken advocate for democracy and human rights in China. The U.S. needs to stand with and stand for those around the world who promote freedom and democracy. I urge you to do everything you can to obtain the release of Mr. Yang.

Best wishes.

Sincerely,

Frank R. Wolf  
Member of Congress

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Hope State can help  
with this case, thank you.