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His Excellency Jiang Zemin
 President
 People's Republic of China

Dear Mr. President:

We write to express our deep concerns about Dr. Yang Jianli, a legal permanent resident of the United States who was detained in Kunming, China on April 26, 2002.

It is our understanding that Dr. Yang is currently being held at Beijing City Public Security Facility without being charged and without access to either legal counsel or family. Dr. Yang's wife, Christina Fu, a U.S. citizen, has even been prohibited from entering China to inquire about the fate of her husband. Without access to family or legal counsel, it is impossible to know Dr. Yang's condition or the legal recourse open to him.

We encourage you on humanitarian grounds to remedy this situation. Dr. Yang's wife and his children are understandably very worried for him, as are we.

International standards of due process, among other things, requires that the accused be promptly and formally informed of the charges against him and permitted contact with his lawyer. We understand that provisions of the Criminal Procedure Law provide similar due process protections. It is our understanding that Dr. Yang has not been provided these protections.

We would appreciate your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,


 Joseph R. Biden, Jr.


 Jesse Helms