

United States Senate

WASHINGTON, DC 20510

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H.E. Jiang Zemin
President
People's Republic of China

Dear President Jiang:

As you prepare for your meeting with President Bush this week, we would like to bring to your attention the case of Dr. Yang Jianli, a legal U.S. permanent resident, who has been detained by Chinese authorities since late April. On behalf of Dr. Yang's wife and children, who are American citizens residing in Massachusetts, we would appreciate your assistance in facilitating a prompt and successful resolution of his case.

We understand that Dr. Yang's family has not received official, written notification of his detention in accordance with Article 64 of the PRC Criminal Procedure Law, thus preventing them from obtaining legal counsel for him, and that his whereabouts are uncertain.

The lack of information about Dr. Yang's situation and inability to speak with him has caused great distress and anguish for his family and is a matter of increasing concern for us. We urge your government to assure that Dr. Yang is given a prompt and fair trial, permitted to meet with his wife Christina Fu, and U.S. Government representatives, and allowed to return to the United States to rejoin his family as soon as possible. This positive humanitarian gesture would be strongly welcomed.

Thank you for taking the time to address this important matter.

Sincerely,



John F. Kerry



Edward M. Kennedy