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154 NOBEL LAUREATES ACROSS THE SIX NOBEL DISCIPLINES URGE CHINESE PRESIDENT XI JINPING TO ALLOW NOBEL PEACE PRIZE LAUREATE LIU XIAOBO AND HIS WIFE LIU XIA TO TRAVEL TO THE UNITED STATES FOR MEDICAL TREATMENT

Washington, D.C.: Today, Freedom Now released a letter ([full text and signatories below](#)) by 154 Nobel Laureates to Chinese President Xi Jinping.

The letter states:

“The Nobel Peace Prize Laureate Liu Xiaobo has been diagnosed with liver cancer. His wife, Liu Xia, who has been under house arrest for almost seven years, is also ill. They have the wish to leave the country so they can receive medical care. Time is running out. We urge the Chinese government on humanitarian grounds to grant Liu Xiaobo and Liu Xia’s wish to travel to the United States for medical treatment.”

The letter was also copied to President Donald Trump, Secretary of State Rex Tillerson, and Ambassador Terry Bransted.

Sir Richard Roberts, 1993 Laureate in Physiology or Medicine, who organized this letter among his fellow Laureates commented: “It is heartbreaking that our fellow Laureate Liu Xiaobo has been diagnosed with terminal liver cancer. We hope that in a spirit of friendship and cooperation that President Xi will allow the Lius to leave China on humanitarian grounds.”

Jared Genser, Founder of Freedom Now and pro bono counsel to the Lius since several months before he won the Nobel Peace Prize added: “I hope that President Xi shows compassion and strength by responding favorably to this extraordinarily distinguished group of Nobel Laureates request that the request of the Lius to travel to the United States for medical treatment are honored.”

Genser published an [oped](#) in the *Washington Post* earlier this week entitled “Dear President Trump: Please Let Liu Xiaobo Die as a Free Man.” In an [editorial](#), the *Washington Post* added “Mr. Liu’s case is a signal example of why China lacks the moral capacity to exercise global leadership. By advocating for this dying hero of human rights, Mr. Trump could show that the United States still lives by different values.

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Sir Richard Roberts
1993 Nobel Laureate in Physiology or Medicine

June 29, 2017

President Xi Jinping

People's Republic of China
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2201 Wisconsin Avenue, NW, Suite 110
Washington, D.C. 20007

Dear President Xi,

Our fellow Nobel Laureate the Peace Prize winner Liu Xiaobo has been diagnosed with liver cancer. His wife, Liu Xia, who has been under house arrest for almost seven years, is also ill. They have the wish to leave the country so they can receive medical care. Time is running out. We urge the Chinese government on humanitarian grounds to grant Liu Xiaobo and Liu Xia's wish to travel to the United States for medical treatment.

Yours Sincerely,



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1993 Nobel Laureate in Physiology or Medicine
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On behalf of the 154 Nobel Laureates whose names are listed below

cc: The Honorable Donald J. Trump, President of the United States
The Honorable Rex Tillerson, U.S. Secretary of State
The Honorable Terry Branstad, U.S. Ambassador to the People's Republic of China

154 Nobel Laureates

Name:	Category:	Prize Year:
Peter Agre	Chemistry	2003
Zhores I. Alferov	Physics	2000
Hiroshi Amano	Physics	2014
Philip W. Anderson	Physics	1977
David Baltimore	Medicine	1975
Francoise Barre-Sinoussi	Medicine	2008
J. Georg Bednorz	Physics	1987
Carlos Filipe Ximenes Belo	Peace	1996
J. Michael Bishop	Medicine	1989
Elizabeth H. Blackburn	Medicine	2009
Gunter Blobel	Medicine	1999
Sydney Brenner	Medicine	2002
Linda B. Buck	Medicine	2004
Arvid Carlsson	Medicine	2000
Thomas R. Cech	Chemistry	1989
Martin Chalfie	Chemistry	2008
Steven Chu	Physics	1997
Aaron Ciechanover	Chemistry	2004
J. M. Coetzee	Literature	2003
Claude Cohen-Tannoudji	Physics	1997
Leon N. Cooper	Physics	1972
Eric A. Cornell	Physics	2001
Mairead Maguire	Peace	1976
Paul J. Crutzen	Chemistry	1995
Robert F. Curl Jr.	Chemistry	1996
Angus S. Deaton	Economics	2015
Johann Deisenhofer	Chemistry	1988
Peter A. Diamond	Economics	2010
Shirin Ebadi	Peace	2003
Francois Englert	Physics	2013
Richard R. Ernst	Chemistry	1991
Gerhard Ertl	Chemistry	2007
Sir Martin J. Evans	Medicine	2007
Eugene F. Fama	Economics	2013
Andrew Z. Fire	Medicine	2006
Edmond H. Fischer	Medicine	1992
Jerome I. Friedman	Physics	1990
Leymah Roberta Gbowee	Peace	2011
Riccardo Giacconi	Physics	2002
Walter Gilbert	Chemistry	1980

Sheldon Glashow	Physics	1979
Roy J. Glauber	Physics	2005
Joseph L. Goldstein	Medicine	1985
Paul Greengard	Medicine	2000
Carol W. Greider	Medicine	2009
David J. Gross	Physics	2004
Robert H. Grubbs	Chemistry	2005
Roger Guillemin	Medicine	1977
Sir John B. Gurdon	Medicine	2012
John L. Hall	Physics	2005
Serge Haroche	Physics	2012
Oliver Hart	Economics	2016
Leland H. Hartwell	Medicine	2001
Harald zur Hausen	Medicine	2008
Dudley R. Herschbach	Chemistry	1986
Avram Hershko	Chemistry	2004
Antony Hewish	Physics	1974
Roald Hoffmann	Chemistry	1981
Gerardus 't Hooft	Physics	1999
H. Robert Horvitz	Medicine	2002
Robert Huber	Chemistry	1988
John Hume	Peace	1998
Tim Hunt	Medicine	2001
Louis J. Ignarro	Medicine	1998
Amnesty International	Peace	1977
Elfriede Jelinek	Literature	2004
Brian D. Josephson	Physics	1973
Daniel Kahneman	Economics	2002
Takaaki Kajita	Physics	2015
Eric R. Kandel	Medicine	2000
Charles K. Kao	Physics	2009
Tawakkul Karman	Peace	2011
Martin Karplus	Chemistry	2013
Wolfgang Ketterle	Physics	2001
Klaus von Klitzing	Physics	1985
Brian K. Kobilka	Chemistry	2012
Roger D. Kornberg	Chemistry	2006
Herbert Kroemer	Physics	2000
Finn E. Kydland	Economics	2004
The 14th Dalai Lama	Peace	1989
Leon M. Lederman	Physics	1988
Yuan T. Lee	Chemistry	1986
Robert J. Lefkowitz	Chemistry	2012
Anthony J. Leggett	Physics	2003

Jean-Marie Lehn	Chemistry	1987
Michael Levitt	Chemistry	2013
Robert E. Lucas Jr.	Economics	1995
Harry M. Markowitz	Economics	1990
Eric S. Maskin	Economics	2007
John C. Mather	Physics	2006
Daniel L. McFadden	Economics	2000
Craig C. Mello	Medicine	2006
Robert C. Merton	Economics	1997
Hartmut Michel	Chemistry	1988
James A. Mirrlees	Economics	1996
Patrick Modiano	Literature	2014
Paul L. Modrich	Chemistry	2015
William E. Moerner	Chemistry	2014
Mario J. Molina	Chemistry	1995
Toni Morrison	Literature	1993
Edvard Moser	Medicine	2014
May-Britt Moser	Medicine	2014
Herta Muller	Literature	2009
Kary B. Mullis	Chemistry	1993
Roger B. Myerson	Economics	2007
Shuji Nakamura	Physics	2014
Erwin Neher	Medicine	1991
Sir Paul Nurse	Medicine	2001
Christiane Nusslein-Volhard	Medicine	1995
John O'Keefe	Medicine	2014
Douglas D. Osheroff	Physics	1996
William D. Phillips	Physics	1997
John C. Polanyi	Chemistry	1986
H. David Politzer	Physics	2004
Stanley B. Prusiner	Medicine	1997
Venkatraman Ramakrishnan	Chemistry	2009
Jose Ramos-Horta	Peace	1996
Adam G. Riess	Physics	2011
Sir Richard J. Roberts	Medicine	1993
Alvin E. Roth	Economics	2012
Carlo Rubbia	Physics	1984
Randy W. Schekman	Medicine	2013
Brian P. Schmidt	Physics	2011
Richard R. Schrock	Chemistry	2005
Phillip A. Sharp	Medicine	1993
Osamu Shimomura	Chemistry	2008
Christopher A. Sims	Economics	2011
Jens C. Skou	Chemistry	1997

Vernon L. Smith	Economics	2002
Hamilton O. Smith	Medicine	1978
Jack Steinberger	Physics	1988
Thomas A. Steitz	Chemistry	2009
Joseph E. Stiglitz	Economics	2001
John E. Sulston	Medicine	2002
Akira Suzuki	Chemistry	2010
Jack W. Szostak	Medicine	2009
Joseph H. Taylor Jr.	Physics	1993
Daniel C. Tsui	Physics	1998
Mario Vargas Llosa	Literature	2010
Sir John E. Walker	Chemistry	1997
J. Robin Warren	Medicine	2005
Arieh Warshel	Chemistry	2013
James Watson	Medicine	1962
Steven Weinberg	Physics	1979
Carl E. Wieman	Physics	2001
Eric F. Wieschaus	Medicine	1995
Torsten N. Wiesel	Medicine	1981
Frank Wilczek	Physics	2004
Betty Williams	Peace	1976
Jody Williams	Peace	1997
Oliver E. Williamson	Economics	2009
Robert Woodrow Wilson	Physics	1978
David J. Wineland	Physics	2012
Ada E. Yonath	Chemistry	2009