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His Excellency Zhou Wenzhong  
Ambassador  
The People's Republic of China  
2300 Connecticut Ave NW  
Washington, DC 20008

Dear Ambassador Wenzhong:

I am writing on behalf of the family of Dr. Wang Bingzhang, a prisoner in Beijiang Prison (Shaoguan). The Wang family contacted me when they did not receive notice regarding the date of their October monthly family visit. I am writing to encourage you to assure that a Wang family member is able to visit Dr. Wang, deliver medicine, and share more time with Dr. Wang than the typical half hour that is allowed.

In accordance with Article 48 of China's Prison Law, a member of the Wang family has regularly visited Dr. Wang on a monthly basis. The family has received notice weeks in advance instructing them who may visit Dr. Wang on what date. Advanced notice allows the Wang family members who are U.S. and Canadian citizens residing in North America to arrange to travel to China and obtain necessary visas.

Unfortunately, due to what appears to be a notice lost in the mail, the Wang family did not learn that Ms. Ti-Anna Wang, Dr. Wang's daughter, will be allowed to visit on October 28 until less than a week before the scheduled visit. While I understand that Ms. Wang is attempting to get to Shaoguan as quickly as possible, I hope you will consider contacting the prison to assure that she will still be able to visit her father even if she does not arrive on the designated day.

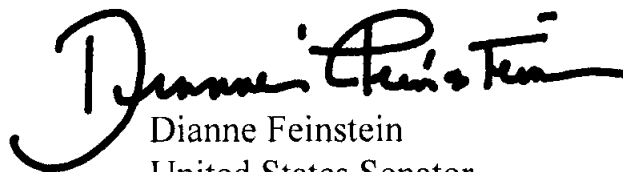
I also hope that you will inquire as to the health of Dr. Wang. His family remains very concerned about his physical and mental health. They would like to bring medicine during their visits and visit for longer than the half hour normally allowed. Dr. Wang, I understand, is kept in solitary

confinement and these visits are extremely important to his mental condition.

In 2003, the United Nations Working Group on Arbitrary Detention declared Dr. Wang's detention arbitrary. Despite this finding, the family of Dr. Wang is following the rules laid out by your government. I hope your government will respond by honoring their visitation rights and improving Dr. Wang's treatment.

I thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Dianne Feinstein". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, prominent initial "D".

Dianne Feinstein  
United States Senator

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