

His Excellency
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Your Excellency;

Please forgive me for approaching you on behalf of the Chinese Christian, Zhang Chunlei, a senior member of the “Ren'ai Reformed Church” in the city of Guiyang. He has been detained since March 16, 2021. Zhang Chunlei had gone to the police station to obtain the release of arrested members of his house church.

He was initially accused of heading an illegal association. Weeks after his arrest, the authorities finally charged him with fraud. However, the “Ren'ai Reformed Church,” rejects these allegations as unfounded.

Please excuse me, Excellency, for taking the liberty to remind you of Article 36 of the “Constitution of the People’s Republic of China,” where it states:

“Citizens of the People’s Republic of China shall enjoy freedom of religious belief. No state organ, social organization or individual shall coerce citizens to believe in or not to believe in any religion, nor shall they discriminate against citizens who believe in or do not believe in any religion.”

This is why I humbly beseech you, dear Mr. President, to advocate the observance of religious freedom in the “People’s Republic of China” and to do everything in your power to have the incarcerated Christian released.

Most respectfully,