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Dear President Xi,

RE: OPEN LETTER CALLING FOR THE LIFTING OF ALL ARBITRARY RESTRICTIONS ON LIU XIA

I am writing to inform you that 69,850 of Amnesty International's supporters have signed our petition demanding that all arbitrary restrictions on Liu Xia, the wife of late Chinese Nobel Peace Prize laureate Liu Xiaobo, be lifted, and that she is allowed to travel domestically or abroad without restrictions.

Amnesty International is a global movement of more than seven million people who campaign for a world where human rights are enjoyed by all. We are independent of any government, political ideology, economic interest or religion.

Liu Xiaobo helped devise a call for political reform in China, known as Charter 08. All he did was exercise his human rights: but as a result, he was sentenced to 11 years imprisonment in 2009 for "inciting subversion of state power". Amnesty International recognized him as a Prisoner of Conscience.

After Liu Xiaobo passed away on 13 July and his hastily arranged funeral ceremony and sea burial took place two days later, Liu Xia has not been heard from. Liu Xia was taken to Yunnan, and although she has returned to Beijing, she is still under tight surveillance. Liu Xia has been under illegal house arrest since the Nobel Committee announced to award the Nobel Peace Prize to Liu Xiaobo in 2010.

Apart from these concerns, the death of Liu Xiaobo in custody has raised serious questions about whether he received adequate medical care during his imprisonment. I was appalled by the decision of your government to deny his wish to be treated abroad. Therefore I urge you to order a prompt, effective and independent investigation and disclose details about Liu Xiaobo's treatment while he was in prison.

I am also very concerned about activists in various parts of China being detained or harassed simply because they held memorials for Liu Xiaobo. I urge you to order their release immediately and unconditionally as they were only legitimately exercising their freedom of expression, unless they are charged with an internationally recognizable offence.

Thank you very much for your attention to my requests.

Yours sincerely,

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