

Congress of the United States
Washington, DC 20510

March 14, 2019

President Donald J. Trump
The White House
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue NW
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Dear President Trump:

We write to update you on the case of Pastor Cao San Qiang (John Cao). Pastor Cao is a U.S. legal permanent resident who was arrested in China on March 5, 2017 by the Yunnan Public Security for "organizing illegal border crossing." He was sentenced to seven years in prison despite what his lawyers describe as a significant lack of evidence against him.

Pastor Cao appealed his sentence but the Pu'er Intermediate Court repeatedly delayed his appeal hearing, currently set for March 22nd, nine months past the statutory deadline. Since the beginning of his incarceration, Pastor Cao's health has deteriorated significantly. He has lost fifty-pounds and developed severe back pain, headaches, and dental issues that make it difficult to eat. Moreover, we are told that Pastor Cao has not been allowed proper medical treatment to address these ailments.

In light of these developments, we believe it is of the utmost importance for strong U.S. intervention on Rev. Cao's behalf before his appeal hearing date. We respectfully ask that you direct your Administration use all available resources to secure Pastor Cao adequate medical care and his ultimate release.

Sincerely,



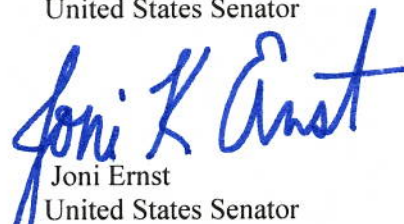
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