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

Dear Mr. Ambassador:

Last August I wrote you regarding the case of Xiaoqiang Pang and Cao Junping, who were arrested on July 29th, 2008 in Weifang City, Shangdong province.

I am pleased that one of the two individuals, Xiaoqiang Pang, has been released and I appreciate any efforts you made toward that end. Unfortunately Cao Junping remains jailed and has not been charged or tried. Additionally, thousands of dollars in confiscated personal property have not been returned or compensated for. Finally, Cao Junping's sister Cao Junfeng has been now been detained as well under similar circumstances.

Xiaoqiang Pang and Cao Junping's daughter is a student at Missouri State University, which is in my district. Since her parents were arrested last summer, she has worked tirelessly to educate the public and elected officials about what happened in this case. I hope to be able to deliver good news to her that her mother and aunt can freely reunite with their families very soon.

I continue believe that China's relationship with the United States is invaluable and stand ready to work with you and others at the Embassy to ensure that relationship remains strong. I am hopeful that you will once again look into this situation and see if anything can be done to help secure the release of Cao Junping and Cao Junfeng as soon as possible.

Sincere regards,



Roy Blunt
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