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*Sent c/o Sharon Hom, Human Rights in China via email to Toy. I. Reid: [ReidTI@state.gov](mailto:ReidTI@state.gov)*

Dear Secretary Kerry,

I am Zhang Qing, wife of a famous Chinese human rights activist, Guo Feixiong. I am writing to you to ask you to help save my husband's life because he has now been on hunger strike for 23 days, while in jail in China. This is due to the Chinese authorities taking advantage of his serious sickness and forcing a humiliating rectal exam on him against his will, while recording the whole process and threatening to post online. This is serious torture and a human rights violation. This evil behavior by the Chinese government directly caused Guo Feixiong to start a hunger strike, which is now threatening his life.

Guo Feixiong is the forerunner of the Chinese human rights movement. He has participated in sensitive human rights defense activities, for example, the incidents of Taishi village and *Southern Weekly* newspaper. Because of his human rights activities, he became a long-term political victim of the Chinese government. He has been arrested four times and tried twice, and spent a total of 11 years in jail.

Regarding Guo Feixiong's sentence, the Director of the U.S. Department of State Press Office, in its daily press briefing commented on November 30, 2015: "So we are aware that a Chinese court has sentenced Yang Maodong to six years in prison on charges related to his peaceful advocacy for human rights. The trial fell short of internationally accepted standards of due process. Particularly disturbing was the last-minute addition of new charges with which – of which Mr. Yang and his attorneys were not given a chance to defend against. We call on the Chinese Government to release Mr. Yang. China cannot achieve its stated aim of building a rule-of-law society when it uses imprisonment as a tool to punish Chinese citizens' peaceful expression of their views."

We cannot tolerate this new persecution of my husband and I believe that anyone with a conscience will not tolerate it.

1. The torture and abuse violate Chinese and international human rights law and Guo Feixiong's basic human rights and human dignity.
2. No urgently needed independent medical care was given to Guo Feixiong.
3. These abuses caused my husband to go on hunger strike and now his life is in danger.

I urge you, respected Mr. John Kerry, as a special representative of President Obama to the U.S-China Strategic and Economic Dialogue meeting next week in Beijing, to use this opportunity to raise my husband's serious situation and human rights abuses with the Chinese government.

We deeply appreciated the State Department's public expression of concern but we need concrete efforts now on behalf of Guo Feixiong at this critical time. This case is also not unique, but an appalling example of the serious human rights abuses inflicted on Chinese rights defenders.

I appeal to you to specifically request the Chinese government to release Guo Feixiong on medical parole in order to allow him to receive urgent medical care. Your help can make a difference between life and tragic death of my husband and my children's father.

With gratitude,

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