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Dear Director,

Dong Guangping was sentenced on 13 July 2018 to 42 months in prison, almost one year after his trial. Neither Dong Guangping's family nor his family-appointed lawyer received any notification about either the trial or the recent sentencing.

Dong Guangping was convicted of "inciting subversion" and "crossing the national border illegally" on 26 July 2017. According to state media, Dong Guangping's conviction of "inciting subversion" was based on his attendance at two gatherings in Thailand that the Chinese government considered to be aimed at "subverting state power" and "overthrowing the socialist system".

Dong Guangping was a policeman in China before his employment was terminated in 1999 after co-signing a public letter and distributing articles in different cities commemorating the 10th anniversary of the 1989 Tiananmen Square crackdown. He had previously been detained in China several times for his peaceful activism. He was imprisoned for three years in 2001 for "inciting subversion of state power" and was detained by Chinese authorities from May 2014 to February 2015 after participating in a commemoration for the victims of the 1989 Tiananmen Square crackdown. He arrived in Thailand with his wife and daughter in September 2015 to escape harassment. In November 2015, he was forcibly returned from Thailand to China.

I am asking you to ensure that Dong Guangping is either released or tried in line with international fair trial standards, and not held for the peaceful exercise of his human rights.

Yours sincerely,

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