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Dear Director,

Jiang Tianyong is a well-known human rights lawyer, whose activism resulted in him being disbarred in 2009. He continued his work as a human rights defender, despite suffering ongoing harassment, detention and physical beatings. Jiang Tianyong was found guilty of "inciting subversion of state power" by the Changsha City Intermediate People's Court on 21 November 2017. He was sentenced to two years' imprisonment and deprivation of political rights for three years. In prison, Jiang's health deteriorated rapidly. He said he was force-fed unknown medication twice a day, and his father reported seeing his hands and feet cuffed to an iron chair. According to his wife Jin Bianling, Jiang remains under heavy surveillance, despite having been released from prison on 28 February 2019. Everywhere he goes, he is closely followed by a group of unidentified people. Since his release Jiang Tianyong has needed a medical check-up. However, he has been unable to schedule an appointment out of concern that the presence of unidentified people will influence the medical care he receives. As Jiang is banned from leaving China, it is currently impossible for him to seek medical care over-seas. Jiang Tianyong requires access to adequate healthcare immediately, as the consequences of being tortured in prison continue to impact his health. Jiang suffers from sharp pain in the spine and his eyes tear up when they come into contact with light or wind.

I respectfully urge you to stop the surveillance and restrictions of freedom of movement on Jiang Tianyong and his family. Please also ensure that Jiang Tianyong has unrestricted access to medical care.

Yours sincerely,

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