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H.E. Yang Jiechi
Ambassador
Embassy of the PRC in the United States
2300 Connecticut Avenue, NW
Washington, DC 20008

Dear Mr. Ambassador:

I am writing to express my concern about the imprisonment of Jude Shao, an American citizen who has been imprisoned in Shanghai's Qing Pu prison for over five years, serving a 16 year sentence for tax evasion. I understand that Mr. Shao has appealed to the Supreme People's Court on several occasions to request an examination of new evidence that he paid his taxes in full, and I am alarmed to hear that he has not received a response in nearly two years.

I urge the Chinese government to conduct an immediate review of Mr. Shao's case, especially since a panel of six Chinese legal scholars, including a former official of the Supreme People's Court, unanimously issued a report in June 2003 concluding that the conviction was flawed.

I appreciate your immediate attention to Mr. Shao's case and I look forward to your response.

With kind regards, I am,

Sincerely,



HENRY A. WAXMAN
Member of Congress