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The Honorable George W. Bush  
President  
The White House  
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue NW  
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Dear Mr. President:

I am writing to respectfully request that you raise the case of Mr. Jude Shao during your upcoming meeting with Chinese President Hu Jintao on April 20, 2006.

Mr. Shao, a United States citizen, has been imprisoned in China for over eight years. In 2002, he was sentenced to sixteen years in prison after being convicted on dubious tax evasion charges. Mr. Shao maintains his innocence. The Supreme People's Court has denied Mr. Shao's request for a retrial.

It is my understanding that Mr. Shao's health has seriously deteriorated during his time in prison and that he is seeking medical parole. I have been informed that the U.S. Ambassador to China, Clark Randt, has personally visited Mr. Shao in prison to evaluate his medical condition and that the U.S. Embassy in Beijing supports Mr. Shao's request for medical parole.

I strongly urge you to stress the importance of Mr. Shao's case to President Hu and raise the possibility that he be medically paroled.

Thank you for your consideration of this important request.

Sincerely,



Barbara Boxer  
United States Senator

cc: The Honorable Condoleezza Rice, Secretary of State  
The Honorable Zhou Wenzhong, Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary  
of the People's Republic of China