



*Congress of the United States  
House of Representatives  
Washington, D.C. 20515*

April 17, 2006

The Honorable George W. Bush, President  
The White House  
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue NW  
Washington, D.C. 20500

Dear Mr. President,

We're writing to again urge you to raise the case of Mr. Jude Shao during your upcoming meetings with Chinese President Hu Jintao.

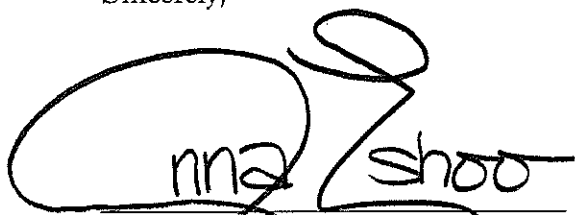
Mr. Shao is an American citizen and a graduate of the Stanford University School of Business who has now served eight years of a sixteen-year sentence in Shanghai's Qing Pu prison on dubious charges of tax evasion. In 2003, six prominent Chinese legal experts reviewed Mr. Shao's case and concluded that not only was there insufficient evidence to convict Mr. Shao, but according to Chinese law, Mr. Shao is entitled to a retrial. Since then the Chinese Supreme Court has rejected Mr. Shao's final petition to have his conviction overturned, though the advocates of Mr. Shao maintain the Court ignored several relevant facts in making their decision.

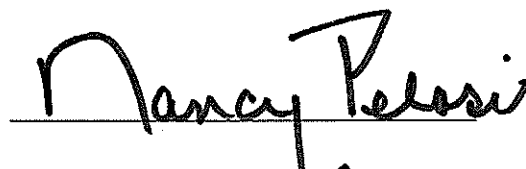
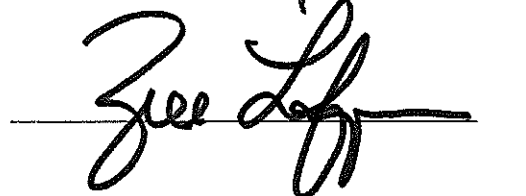
Mr. Shao has now served a full half of his excessively long and unjust sentence, and continues to maintain his innocence. The U.S. Embassy in Beijing supports his efforts to secure a medical parole, and U.S. Ambassador to China Clark Randt has taken the unprecedented step of personally visiting Mr. Shao in prison to evaluate his condition. It's clear to all involved that the years Mr. Shao has served have taken a physical toll and that serving the remainder of his sentence will be seriously detrimental to Mr. Shao's health.

We strongly urge you to stress the importance of Mr. Shao's case to President Hu and that you urge him to release him as soon as possible.

Thank you for your attention in this matter and we look forward to your timely response.

Sincerely,

  
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Joint letter to Rice

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