

Congress of the United States

Washington, DC 20515

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President George W. Bush
The White House
Washington, DC 20500

Dear Mr. President:

We are writing about the case of Fuming Fong, an American citizen from West Orange, New Jersey being detained in the People's Republic of China. Mr. Fong has been held in prison for the past two years and has been prosecuted in a manner much slower than Chinese law prescribes. We thank you for your Administration's work on this matter thus far and praise the efforts of the State Department and the U.S. Embassy in China. However, due to health concerns, mistreatment, and faulty procedure in the prosecution of this innocent U.S. citizen, we ask you to make a specific, personal request for a positive resolution of Mr. Fong's case.

We understand how complex our relationship with China is at this time, but the well being of American citizens must remain a priority. Mr. Fong's health continues to deteriorate as he has developed Cervical-Spinal Peripheral Neuropathy and Lumbo-Sacral Radiculopathy in prison, according to the doctor who examined him in November 2001. Numbness in his left arm and right leg is getting more severe. Furthermore, the detention center has continuously denied Mr. Fong the use of a hearing aid, glasses, and proper medication.

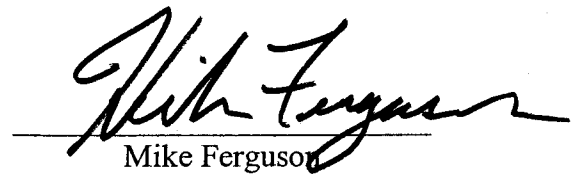
The case against Mr. Fong has been mismanaged from the beginning. The Chinese prosecution has never followed its own laws and time constraints. During his two years in prison, Mr. Fong has witnessed China's Criminal Procedure Law being broken time and time again. Reports from this trial suggest that the prosecutor did not prove any charges in the indictment.

On behalf of his family, friends and other concerned Americans, we strongly urge you to address Fuming Fong's case in China and to be vigilant in securing his immediate release from prison and return to the United States. Mr. Fong's health continues to deteriorate as this detainment has already lasted two years and there does not appear to be any conclusion forthcoming. The Chinese Government must understand that the United States Government will do its utmost to protect its innocent citizens and will not tolerate their mistreatment.

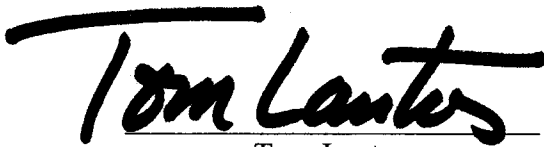
Sincerely,


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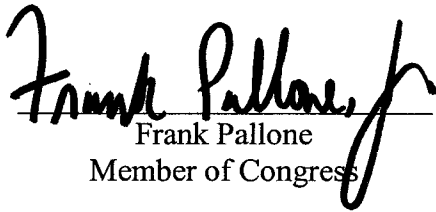
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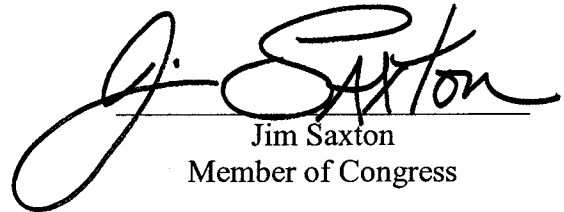
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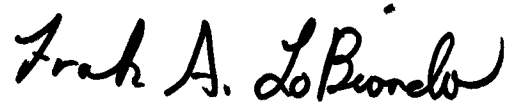
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