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Congress of the United States

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September 17, 2008

The Honorable Condoleezza Rice
Secretary of State
2201 C St NW Ste 7276
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Dear Secretary Rice:

I write today to bring to your attention the plight of Dr. Wang Bingzhang, a permanent U.S. resident and long-time democracy activist, who is currently serving a life sentence at Beijiing Prison in Shaoguan, Guangdong province.

Dr. Wang was kidnapped while visiting Vietnam and taken against his will back to China where he was subsequently detained by the Chinese police on July 3, 2002. After being held for six months, in December 2002 the Chinese government charged Dr. Wang with terrorism and espionage. Only one month after being charged, Dr. Wang was convicted in a closed trial and sentenced to life in prison.

During his imprisonment Dr. Wang has developed several serious medical conditions including phlebitis, severe hay fever, gastritis, varicose veins and depression. He has also suffered from three major strokes. Meanwhile, Dr. Wang's daughter, Ti-Anna Wang, a U.S. citizen, continues to grow up without her father.

I urge you to raise this case at the highest levels in the Chinese government. No child should have to grow up bearing the burden of her father's wrongful imprisonment upon her shoulders.

I look forward to learning of your progress in this matter.

Best wishes.

Sincerely,

Frank R. Wolf
Member of Congress

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cc: Ambassador Clark Randt, U.S. Embassy Beijing
Assistant Secretary David Kramer, Bureau of Democracy, Human Rights and Labor