

I am writing to express my grave concern on Falun Gong practitioner Li Xiaobo who is detained in Chengdu, Sichuan Province as a result of his beliefs. His lawyers have reported that his health is deteriorating rapidly and he is also at risk of torture and other ill-treatment.

I therefore would like to demand that the authorities immediately and unconditionally release Li Xiaobo as he has been imprisoned solely for exercising his right to freedom of belief and expression.

I need to urge you to ensure that Li Xiaobo is not tortured or otherwise ill-treated, that he is immediately provided with any medical treatment he requires, and that the conditions of his detention adhere to international law and standards.

Your authorities are also called on to ensure he has regular access to his family, and lawyers.

Your attention on this matter would be highly appreciated.

Sincerely yours,