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Excellency,

I am addressing you today with concern about the Chinese Christian **Zhang Chunlei**, who is a church elder of Ren'ai Reformed Church from Guiyang. Zhang Chunlei has been in detention since 16th of March 2021. He had gone to the police station unsuspecting by himself to ask for the release of members of his house church, who became detained after a police crackdown.

Initially, the accusation was that he had led an illegal association. Weeks after the arrest however, the authorities finally accused him of fraud. The Ren'ai Reformed Church rejects the accusations as unfounded.

I consider the actions against the Christian Zhang Chunlei a violation of religious freedom. Allow me to remind you of Article 36 of the Constitution of the People's Republic of China. It states: "Citizens of the People's Republic of China enjoy freedom of religious belief." In this spirit, I ask you to work for the observance of religious freedom and **especially for the release of the Christian Zhang Chunlei.**

Yours respectfully