PETITION TO FREE TENZIN DELEK RINPOCHE

Dear Mrs. Arbour:

Tenzin Delek Rinpoche, a highly revered Tibetan Buddhist leader, was sentenced to death by the Chinese government on December 2, 2002 for his alleged involvement in bombings in Eastern Tibet. Following a high profile international campaign, his death sentence was commuted to life in prison on January 26, 2005. No credible evidence linking him to this crime has been released publicly, nor did he receive a fair trial. He is currently being held in Chuandong Prison, Sichuan Province. Throughout his detention there have been reports of torture and his current state of health is unknown.

It is widely believed that Tenzin Delek Rinpoche was targeted by the Chinese authorities for his activities promoting Tibetan language, religion, and culture. His treatment is an example of the Chinese government's ruthless crackdown on Tibetans' freedom of speech and expression.

Therefore... We the undersigned ask that you urge the Chinese authorities to immediately release Tenzin Delek Rinpoche.

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