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Dear Minister,

I wish to express my concern about human rights lawyer and former prisoner of conscience Gao Zhisheng. He has been missing from his home in Yulin City, Shaanxi, since 13 August 2017. A government official informed Zhisheng's family in September 2017 that he had been taken to Beijing. His exact location, his condition as well as the grounds for his detention remain unclear. I am concerned that given his previous treatment in detention he is at grave risk of torture and other ill-treatment.

Therefore, I urge you to immediately disclose the whereabouts and the well-being of Gao and to release him unconditionally. Pending his release, please ensure that he is not subjected to torture or other ill-treatment, and that he has regular, unrestricted access to his family, lawyers of his choice, and medical care.

Thank you for your attention to this urgent matter. I am kindly awaiting your reply.

Yours sincerely,