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Dear President Tsai,

Chiou Ho-shun was arrested in 1988 in relation to the murder of Ko Hung Yu-lan and the kidnapping of Lu Cheng. He was convicted and sentenced to death in 1989. During detention and interrogation Chiou was beaten repeatedly, blindfolded, tied up, forced to sit on ice and subjected to electric shocks and having water mixed with pepper poured into his mouth and nose.

Prosecutors used 'confessions' obtained through police torture of **Chiou** and other co-defendants as evidence to prove guilt, even though no material evidence linking Chiou to the crimes has ever been presented in court. Taiwan's Supreme Court ordered the case to be retried 11 times, but it still affirmed Chiou's death sentence in 2011.

I opposes the death penalty, cruel and inhuman treatments and unfair trials in all cases. The legal system and the government should protect people's dignity and personal safety at all costs. Therefore, we call on the government of Taiwan to ensure that **Chiou Ho-shun** is granted pardon and has his death sentence commuted, letting him go home after 32 years in despair.

Thank you for your attention. I am looking forward to you reply.

Yours sincerely,