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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,