

Head of Beijing Women's Prison
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Dear Director,

I am writing to express my grave concern regarding the continued detention of 76-year-old petitioner and activist **Shuang Shuying**, now held at your prison. I am very concerned that her application for medical parole was denied, despite continued reports that her health is in decline.

Shuang Shuying is an active petitioner who saw her Beijing home demolished in 2002 to make way for redevelopment ahead of the Olympic Games. She has been in prison since February 2007 after appealing for her son's release. At 76 years of age, Shuang has many health problems which have only worsened during her imprisonment, including diabetes, high blood pressure, cataracts, heart disease, and arthritis. She cannot walk on her own, using a cane for assistance, and she requires daily medication.

Shuang's family applied for her to be released on medical parole in August 2007, a request which was denied on the grounds that Shuang had not yet served one third of her sentence and that she did not meet the standards for medical parole. At this time I call on you to reconsider this decision due to her continued deteriorating health, and urge you to release her to her family.

Sincerely,