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**Subject: Trần Huỳnh Duy Thức**

Your Excellency

I got to know that your citizen Trần Huỳnh Duy Thức is imprisoned due to political reasons. In a blog he made economical and political problems in Vietnam a subject of discussion. I consider this not a crime but a usual way of political expression. The best decisions and the wisest policy result from discussions and arguments, not from fear.
But most important, he stated that his confession was made under torture. A confession obtained by this way is invalid.

I kindly ask you to make use of the amnesty mechanism which exists in Vietnamese law and to release him.
Until he can leave the prison, please make sure that his imprisonment meets international standards, that he is not being tortured or ill-treated in other ways and that he gets the medical treatments he needs. He also needs to have contact to his family and lawyer – therefore he needs to be transferred to a prison that is closer to the town where his family lives. He deserves being treated as a human being as I am and you are.

Thank you so much.

Kind regards