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Dear Mr. Rogge:

I write out of deep concern over the whereabouts and welfare of **Dhondup Wangchen** and **Golog Jigme**, two Tibetans who have been detained by Chinese authorities since March 2008. Their crime was to film Tibetans' peaceful expression of their views on the XXIX Olympic Games. Their work, the documentary film *Leaving Fear Behind: Tibetans Speak on Tibet, China and the Olympics*, presents a poignant picture of the hopes and aspirations of the Tibetan people.

**Dhondup Wangchen**, from Hualong, Haidong (Qinghai) was detained by authorities on or about March 26, 2008. He was held in Ershilipu Detention Center in Xining (Qinghai), and was last seen in Guangsheng Binguan on or about July 12, 2008. **Golog Jigme**, a monk, from Golog Serta, Ganze (Sichuan) was detained on or about March 23, 2008. He was last seen in a detention center in the town of Lingxia (Gansu).

When China made its bid to host the 2008 Olympic Games, it publicly pledged that its hosting of the games would boost the advancement of human rights. The detention of Dhondup Wangchen and Golog Jigme, flies in the face of that commitment.

I urge you to use the considerable influence of the IOC to exert strong pressure on the Chinese leadership to secure the unconditional release of Dhondup Wangchen and Golog Jigme, and to ensure that they are not subjected to torture or other ill-treatment while in detention. I also urge you to ensure that all those associated with the film *Leaving Fear Behind*, including all those interviewed in the film, remain free and unharmed by Chinese authorities.

I also request you to look at the deeply moving film "Leaving Fear Behind", you can watch three trailers at: [www.leavingfearbehind.com](http://www.leavingfearbehind.com).

All those brave persons risked their safety and their lives just to convey a message about their suffering to the free world. Ten of them are already being questioned by the authorities and also face imprisonment. Please do not leave it unheeded!

Thank you