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Dhondup Wangchen is innocent. He is being unjustly persecuted for exercising his basic right to freedom of expression recognized under the United Nations Declaration of Human Rights.

There are serious fears for **Dhondup Wangchen**'s welfare as he is being held incommunicado, without being allowed family visits. He is not being given medical treatment although he is in poor health and has Hepatitis B. I join tens of thousand of people worldwide in calling on you to release Dhondup Wangchen immediately and unconditionally and to drop all the charges against him. Please grant him access to medical treatment immediately and to a lawyer of his choice, as well as the visiting right for his relatives which to which he is entitled.

Furthermore, I call on you to release all those Tibetans detained in China's violent crackdown and to engage in meaningful negotiations with the Tibetan government-in-exile to resolve the Tibet issue once and for all. I am writing to ask you to adhere to the stipulations of Universal Declaration of Human Rights and stop persecuting Tibetans arbitrarily and against recognized legal standards.

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