**China: Free Liu Xia**

Valiant Human Rights Defender and Nobel Peace Prize recipient Liu Xiaobo passed away as a result of liver cancer July 13, 2017.

He was sentenced to 11 years imprisonment in 2009 for "inciting subversion of state power". He was recognized by Amnesty International as a Prisoner of Conscience. He was diagnosed with late-stage liver cancer in May and despite repeated requests from Liu Xiaobo and his wife Liu Xia, the Chinese authorities refused to let them travel abroad for treatment.

Liu Xia, artist, poet, and human rights defender, has been forced to stay at home under heavy surveillance and subjected to intimidation by the Chinese authorities, ever since Liu Xiaobo was awarded the 2010 Nobel Peace Prize.

**Her crime? She refused to stop trying to release her wrongfully imprisoned husband.**

With the passing of Liu Xiaobo it’s time the Chinese authorities stop cruelly punishing Liu Xia.

She has been kept in isolation since October 2010, and she has suffered from psychological stress, anxiety and depression as a result.

Liu Xiaobo helped devise a call for political reform in China, known as Charter 08. All he did was exercise his human rights. Liu Xiaobo leaves behind a powerful legacy to inspire others to continue the struggle for human rights in China. Our greatest tribute to him will be to ensure that Liu Xia is free to do the same.

**Call on the Chinese authorities to**

* End the illegal house arrest and surveillance of Liu Xia and allow her to travel freely.
* Ensure that all human rights defenders, can carry out their peaceful activities without fear of hindrance, intimidation, arbitrary detention or imprisonment

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