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Dear Secretary Ma,

I am writing to express concern about Uyghur student **Kamile Wayit (卡米莱.瓦依提)**, who was sentenced under the charge of “promoting extremism” on March 25, 2023. A spokesperson from the Chinese Ministry of Foreign Affairs confirmed the news of her conviction to *The Economist* magazine in early June 2023. Kamile was sentenced to 3 years in prison and is being held at Mush Women's Prison in Kashgar.

Kamile Wayit is a former student at the Shangqiu Institute of Technology in Henan, majoring in pre-school education. She was taken away on December 12, 2022, by the police after returning home to Atush, Xinjiang for a holiday. It is believed that her detention may be related to a video she posted on WeChat in November 2022 about the protests that took place across China to commemorate the victims of an apartment fire in Urumqi. Kamile should be released immediately as she was only peacefully exercising her rights to freedom of expression.

I therefore urge you to:

- Immediately release Kamile Wayit, unless there is sufficient, credible and admissible evidence that she has committed an internationally recognizable criminal offense;
- Pending her release, ensure that Kamile Wayit has access to adequate medical care, and she is not subjected to torture and other ill-treatment;

Yours sincerely,

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