

Thompson Rivers University Students' Union

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Chief Procurator Wang Xunjue
The People's Procuratorate of Changsha City
Dujuan Road, Yuelu District, Changsha 41000, Hunan
People's Republic of China

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Human Rights Defenders Should Be Released

Dear Chief Procurator Wang,

On behalf of the Thompson Rivers University Students' Union, we call on you to immediately and unconditionally release **Chen Yuan, Liu Yongze** and **Wu Gejianxiong**. They are currently detained at **Changsha City Kaifu District Detention Centre** for carrying out their work of advocating for the rights of people with disabilities as well as other marginalized groups as well as peacefully defending human rights.

We are deeply concerned by reports from Amnesty International about the detainment of NGO workers **Chen Yuan, Liu Yongze** and **Wu Gejianxiong** for charges of "inciting subversion of state power". They have been detained since July 22, 2019. These workers have no access to their families or lawyers of choice and they are at risk for torture and ill treatment. There was no additional information provided about their indictment and their families have no information about this case.

We believe that you have an obligation to investigate the conditions under which **Chen Yuan, Li Yongze** and **Wu Gejianxiong** are detained to protect them from torture and ill treatment. We also urge you to ensure each of these human rights defenders has regular, unrestricted access to their family and to their lawyers of choice.

Thank you for your attention to this urgent matter.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "N Lane".

Nathan Lane
Executive Director
TRU Students' Union

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Mackenzie Francoeur".

Mackenzie Francoeur
Vice President Equity
TRU Students' Union

cc. Ambassador Peiwu Cong