

# Thompson Rivers University Students' Union

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Director He Dong  
Baoji City Public Security Bureau 57, Zhongshanxilu  
Weibin Qu, Baoji Shi Shanxi Province, 721001

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## Human Rights Lawyer Detained and at Risk of Torture

Dear Director He

On behalf of the Thompson Rivers University Students' Union, we call on you to release human rights lawyer **Chang Weiping (常玮平)** immediately and unconditionally from his current detention. Unless there is enough credible and admissible evidence that he has committed an internationally recognized offence, in which case we also call on you to grant him a fair trial in line with international standards.

We are deeply concerned by reports from Amnesty International that **Chang Weiping**, a human rights lawyer dedicated to defending the rights of people facing discrimination, was taken away by police officers in Baoji City on October 22, 2020 and is currently being held incommunicado without access to his lawyer or family members. There is an increase concern that he is currently facing ill-treatment and torture as in the past he had already once been detained and torture after practicing his freedom of expression.

We believe that you have an obligation to release Chang Weiping from his detention and to ensure that he is free from harm of torture for the remainder of his incarceration. Furthermore, please ensure that he has unrestricted access to contact with his family and legal counsels.

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