Secretary for Justice, Paul Lam
Department of Justice
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Dear Secretary Lam,

I write to you to express my deep concern for human rights lawyer Chow Hangtung. She initially received a 22 months jail sentence in 2022 for peacefully remembering the victims of the Tiananmen Square crackdown in 1989.

She is also facing further wrongful imprisonment for allegedly 'endangering national security' through her entirely peaceful actions. The trial is due to start in the second half of 2024. Her application for bail was turned down.

I call on you to immediately and unconditionally release Chow Hang-tung and drop all charges against her, as she has been charged solely for peacefully exercising her rights to freedom of expression and peaceful assembly.

Yours sincerely,