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Your Excellency,

While I was pleased to see the new "Regulations on Reporting Activities in China by Foreign Journalists During the Beijing Olympic Games and the Preparatory Period," I am writing to urge that they be made permanent and the current expiration date of October 2008 be removed.

I am also concerned that these regulations only apply to foreign journalists. I urge you to extend the freedoms in these regulations to domestic journalists and thereby safeguard the right to freedom of the press as enshrined in Article 35 of the Constitution of the People's Republic of China.

I am alarmed at reports that foreign journalists have been harassed and even detained after these regulations came into force on January 1, 2007. I urge the PRC government to investigate these reports, hold those responsible for unlawful acts accountable, and ensure that the new regulations are comprehensively implemented.

Sincerely,