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Đặng Đình Bách

Dear Mr President,

I am much concerned about Đặng Đình Bách, who has been imprisoned for political reasons and whose health has deteriorated due to the dire conditions in prison.

Đặng Đình Bách was arrested in 2021 and sentenced to five years in prison for alleged tax evasion. The court refused to hear his defence, and the prosecutor failed to present evidence. As an environmental lawyer and head of the Organisation "Law and Policy of Sustainable Development Research Center" (LPSD), Đặng Đình Bách had disclosed environmental failures by the government and large corporations, especially in the field of illegal pesticide dumping causing cancer.

In prison, he does not have access to adequate food, is not allowed to use personal writing utensils or books, and has not been able to see his small son at all. Since September 2025, Đặng Đình Bách and two other inmates have repeatedly been on hunger strike.

Please ensure that Đặng Đình Bách is immediately released. Pending his release, he must be protected from any torture or ill-treatment, just like any other inmate. I also urge you to provide him with access to adequate food and medical care.

Yours sincerely,