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Your Excellency,

I urge you to immediately and unconditionally release Paing Phyo Min, a 23-year-old poet and student leader serving six years in prison solely for exercising his right to freedom of expression.

In April and May 2019, Paing Phyo Min and other members of the Peacock Generation, a satirical poetry troupe, performed Thangyat critical of the military. As a result, Paing Phyo Min and several others were charged under Section 66 (d) of the Telecommunications Law for “online defamation”, and under Section 505 (a) of the Penal Code for “incitement”. Paing Phyo Min was sentenced to a total of six years in prison.

I am deeply alarmed that Paing Phyo Min is imprisoned simply for peacefully exercising his right to freedom of expression, and I appeal to you to release him immediately and unconditionally. Furthermore, I appeal to you to take steps to repeal or amend legislation in Myanmar that violates the right to freedom of expression.

Yours sincerely,