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**STATEMENT OF CHEN GUANGCHENG REGARDING DEPARTURE  
FROM NEW YORK UNIVERSITY**

Recently, there have been some reports that my family and I are leaving New York University, and friends both in China and elsewhere abroad are very concerned about this. So I want to especially thank my friends. At the same time, I want to explain a few things with regard to what's happened:

1. It is true that New York University has asked us to leave before the end of June.
2. In fact, as early as last August and September, the Chinese Communists had already begun to apply great, unrelenting pressure on New York University, so much so that after we had been in the United States just three to four months, NYU was already starting to discuss our departure with us.
3. The work of the Chinese Communists within academic circles in the United States is far greater than what people imagine, and some scholars have no option but to hold themselves back. Academic independence and academic freedom in the United States are being greatly threatened by a totalitarian regime.
4. I'm very grateful to NYU for its help when my family was in a difficult period and for its good support of us when we first arrived in the United States. We thank Professor Cohen and other friends for trying their best to help us. This assistance has allowed us to have a smooth transition to the United States. For this, we have always wanted to thank the president of NYU in person. Regrettably, to date, we still have not had the chance to meet him. Although NYU has arranged many of our activities, to date, it has not arranged a meeting for us with the president. Therefore, I can only show my gratitude to him in this way.
5. China's Communist rulers hope to use these means to disturb our normal life, and even want to make me so busy trying to earn a living that I don't have time for human rights advocacy, but this is not going to happen. Whether it was the dangers I faced in China or the current momentary difficulties we face, I will never bow my head to evil or to lies. I will always do everything I can for my compatriots back in China who still are not free and who are now being oppressed.

Thank you!

Chen Guangcheng

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陈光诚声明

最近的一些关于要我们离开NYU的报道，国内外的朋友们都十分关心。因而在此我特别感谢朋友们！同时，我也想对此向朋友们说明几点：

- 1, NYU要求我们在6月底离开NYU是事实。
- 2, 事实上，中共早在去年秋天的8, 9月份起就持续以各种方式给NYU施加了强大的压力，以至

于在我们刚到美国才3, 4个月, NYU就和我们商量关于我们离开的事情。

3, 中共当权者对美国学术界的统战远超出了大家的想象, 有些学者不得不进行自我约束。美国的学术独立与学术自由正受到来自独裁者的莫大威胁。

4, 非常感谢NYU在我一家为难之时出手相助和我们刚到美国的时候给我们提供了很好的支持以及柯恩教授等朋友们的鼎力相助, 让我们顺利过渡, 对此, 我们十分感激。也很想向NYU的校长当面致谢, 但遗憾的是到目前为止, 我们还没有机会见到他。虽然我们的很多活动是由NYU安排的, 但到目前为止还没有安排与校长见面, 因而只能以这种形式表示感谢了。

5, 中共当权者想通过这种手段干扰我们的正常生活, 甚至想让我忙于生计无暇顾及人权是不可能的。无论我在中国面临什么危险, 还是目前面临暂时困境, 我都不会向邪恶和谎言低头, 我依然会以我的方式为国内还不自由, 正在受压迫的我的同胞而尽我最大的努力。

谢谢!

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