

## US Senators urge the release of Tibetan protestors

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(Phayul) US Senators Gordon Smith (R-OR), John Kerry (D-MA), and Russell Feingold (D-WI) have written to Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice stating their concern over the confinement and incarceration of hundreds of protestors and the censorship of media in Tibet. The letter in particular mentioned the charge against Ms. Jamyang Kyi, a popular Tibetan singer and television announcer who was arrested 01 April and later released in early May who reports indicate is currently awaiting trial and could possibly be under house arrest. The senators wrote: *"We request that you urge the Chinese government to allow independent access to the detainees arrested during the recent crackdown on ethnic Tibetans, and push Beijing to conduct free and open trials of the accused"*. They added: *"We also ask that you keep us informed of the progress made toward ensuring transparent trials for those arrested during the recent crackdown"*.

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