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In early 2015, student leader Phyoe Phyoe Aung helped to organize a march against a new law in Myanmar, which students said limited academic freedom. In March, as the protesters got closer to Yangon, Myanmar's largest city, they were blocked by police who beat them with batons.

Phyoe Phyoe Aung and more than 100 other student activists – many of them injured – were arrested and charged with a range of questionable criminal offences. Many have been locked up ever since, with some held in solitary confinement and with limited access to lawyers. Some, including Phyoe Phyoe Aung, could face more than nine years in prison.

Across the country, young people and student leaders continue to be harassed by police and other authorities in what appears to be a systematic clampdown on the student movement.



Despite this, there is good reason to believe the authorities can be pressured into releasing Phyoe Phyoe Aung and others. Myanmar's government is hungry for foreign approval and investment. President Thein Sein is keen to demonstrate that his country is still on the road towards political reform and respect for human rights.

Join the call for Myanmar to release Phyoe Phyoe Aung, and all the students and supporters jailed for protesting peacefully.





Write to the President of Myanmar

Urge President Thein Sein to prove his country is still on the road to reform by releasing Phyce Phyce Aung and the other peaceful student protesters immediately and unconditionally.

President Thein Sein President Office, Office No.18, Nay Pyi Taw Republic of the Union of Myanmar

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Salutation: Your Excellency



Phyoe Phyoe Aung is an animal lover, so please send her your best pictures or drawings of animals. And please also send messages to all the other detained students and supporters and we'll pass them on. You could include this unifying message: "I support Myanmar students".

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