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Object: Audit of the financial and personal connections of Hong Kong officials in Canada

Dear Minister,

We the undersigned, are writing to raise our concern about the deteriorating human rights situation in Hong Kong and to urge the Canadian Government to undertake an audit of the financial and personal connections Hong Kong officials have in Canada.

In the recent months, we have seen Beijing continue its crackdown on the pro-democracy movement in Hong Kong with the mass arrest and charging of 47 pro-democracy activists under the National Security Law, the introduction of electoral reform which would prevent pro-democracy parties from standing for election, the freezing of the owner of Apple Daily Jimmy Lai's assets, the passing of an Immigration Bill which would give the Chinese Government the power to restrict freedom of movement into and out of the city, and the banning of the June 4 Tiananmen Square vigil.

In the middle of Beijing's destruction of Hong Kong's autonomy, rule of law, and way of life, stand thousands of Canadian citizens who are fearful of their future in the city. They are desperately waiting on the Canadian Government and its allies to act.

With nearly every prominent pro-democracy voice in Hong Kong in jail, awaiting trial, or overseas in exile, it is clear that there is an increased need for a robust and coordinated response against the Hong Kong officials who are responsible for human rights abuses and the crackdown on the pro-democracy movement in the city.

As we are sure you are aware, a substantial amount of research, evidence and scrutiny goes into the designation of individuals under the Justice for Victims of Corrupt Foreign Officials Act.



With that in mind, we urge the Canadian Government to begin that process now by undertaking an audit of the financial and personal connections Hong Kong officials and their marital partners/spouses have in Canada, including: the Hong Kong Chief Executive, Chief Secretary, Financial Secretary, Secretary for Justice, Secretary for Security, Secretary for Education, Secretary for Home Affairs, Secretary for the Environment, Secretary for the Civil Service, and the Secretary for Constitutional and Mainland Affairs- to ensure that Canadian officials and parliamentarians have a clear understanding of the effectiveness of including Hong Kong officials on a Magnitsky sanctions list.

We hope that the Government will move swiftly to undertake an audit of the financial and personal connections Hong Kong officials have in Canada and work with likeminded partners to enact coordinated Magnitsky sanctions against individuals responsible for the dramatic erosion of Hong Kong's freedoms, autonomy and the rule of law.

Yours sincerely,

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