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Letter of Appeal to Prime Minister Carney: Release Jimmy Lai

Dear Prime Minister Carney,

As a resident of Canada, I am writing to voice my grave concerns over Jimmy Lai's 20-year imprisonment by Hong Kong courts and call on your leadership to save his life.

For this esteemed 78-year-old prisoner of conscience who is in ill health and having been subjected to solitary confinement for most of the last five years, this is basically a life sentence. His family fears that he will not survive this ordeal.

Under the 2020 draconian Hong Kong National Security Law (NSL), Hong Kong's once proud tradition freedom of expression and rule of law has completely eroded. The law now serves as a political tool to silence and criminalize any act of dissent.

Prime Minister, in your forward-looking speech at Davos, you firmly stated that Canada will be principled and pragmatic in building strategic partnerships and included the respect for human rights as one of the core principles. I therefore, urge you to take the lead among G7 countries in making a stronger appeal to China for the immediate release of Jimmy Lai.

As members of the global community, we Canadians have a responsibility to stand on our principles of fundamental values and do our utmost for Lai's release. We call on you to act as it is the only just and compassionate thing to do.

Sincerely,

Signature: _____

Date: _____

Name (please print): _____

Postal Code: _____

CC: Riding MP _____