

Petition To The Government of Canada

Whereas:

- On August 12, 2024, Hong Kong's top court upheld the convictions of seven Hong Kong's most prominent pro-democracy activists including 82-year-old Martin Lee and 76-year-old Jimmy Lai, for participating in a peaceful demonstration on August 18, 2019.
- The Group of 47, which includes legislators, were found guilty on May 30, 2024 in the exercise of their democratic rights for participating in election primaries.
- Chow Hang-tung and former leaders of the Hong Kong Alliance have been arrested over the Alliance holding annual candlelight vigils in remembrance of 1989 Tiananmen protests and massacre.
- Given the extraterritorial reach of the National Security Law and Article 23, there is ongoing fear of surveillance among the Hong Kong diaspora. In light of the recent spying charges laid against the manager and contracted staff of Hong Kong Economic and Trade Office (HKETO) in the UK, Hongkongers want to be reassured that this is not happening in Canada.

We, the undersigned, **citizens or residents of Canada**, call upon the **Government of Canada** to

- 1) Call on Hong Kong and PRC to release Jimmy Lai, Chow Hang-tung, the Group of 47 and others whose only 'crime' was to exercise their rights and freedoms as prescribed by the UN Human Rights Declaration;
- 2) Stop according any special rights or diplomatic status to the Hong Kong Economic and Trade Office;
- 3) Proactively apply sanctions under the Justice for Victims of Corrupt Foreign Officials Act (the Magnitsky Law) against Chinese and Hong Kong officials.

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