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Re: Hong Kong asylum-seekers

Dear Ministers,

The Green Party of Canada parliamentary caucus is extremely concerned with the situation unfolding in mainland China and Hong Kong. Human rights are being stripped from protesters demanding democracy. We are writing today to urge you to accept Hong Kong asylum-seekers into Canada.

When leading pro-democracy activists were arrested in April 2020, the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights called on authorities to engage in dialogue rather than incarceration. Organizations like Amnesty International and Human Rights Watch have echoed these sentiments.

Canada has a moral obligation to uphold international human rights. We must immediately accept asylum-seekers from Hong Kong into Canada, and engage with the Chinese and Hong Kong governments about this issue.



Thank you for your consideration. We would welcome the opportunity to discuss this further with you.

Sincerely,



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