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## **Hong Kong Unifies US Congress: We will not stand idly by**

*House swiftly adopts the Senate's versions of the Hong Kong Human Rights and Democracy Act S.1838 and S.2710- A bill to prohibit the commercial export of covered munitions items to the Hong Kong Police Force and send final bills to President Trump*

**WASHINGTON, DC (November 20, 2019)** - Hong Kong Democracy Council (HKDC) issues the following statements after the House passes the Senate's versions of the Hong Kong Human Rights and Democracy Act and a bill to prohibit the commercial export of covered munitions items to the Hong Kong Police Force, and send the final bills to President Trump for his signature:

**From HKDC managing director, Samuel Chu:** "I am deeply and personally moved by the actions in Congress this week in response to the people of Hong Kong. Hong Kongers - their actions, aspirations and resilience - have inspired the world since June. And today, they have also unified Congress - as the House swiftly adopted and passed the Senate's versions S 1838 and S 2710, sending the bipartisan legislations to President Trump for his signature and give a clear message to the Chinese and Hong Kong authorities that Hong Kong's autonomy and human rights are top US priorities."

"The House overwhelmingly passed both measures - S 1838 (417-1) and S 2710 (417-0). I strongly urge President Trump to immediately sign both bills into law and to instruct all agencies and departments to quickly implement and enforce all measures against everyone and anyone suppressing the freedoms and rights of Hong Kongers."

"I know Hong Kongers can hear and feel the strong support and backing of the US from today's bipartisan votes. Hong Kong's autonomy will not disappear under a cloud of tear gas; its rule of law will not suffer "death by a thousand cuts" by the Chinese Communist Party's threatening pronouncements; and its human rights and democratic aspirations will not be deterred by mass arrests or languish in political prisons. To all Hong Kongers - all who have suffered at the hand of the police and the government, who are fighting to keep their way of life - the United States will stand with you and HKDC and US-Hong Kongers will not stop fighting for you."

***Hong Kong Democracy Council (HKDC)*** is the DC-based nonpartisan, nonprofit organization dedicated to preserving Hong Kong's basic freedoms, the rule of law, and autonomy as promised under the "one country two systems" model and enshrined in the Basic Law and the Sino-British Joint Declaration.

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