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## **HKDC and Congress Condemn China's Move to Impose Security Law on Hong Kong**

***Sen. Hawley (S.RES. 596) and Rep. Gallagher Introduce Resolutions***

***Sen. Toomey & Sen. Van Hollen (S.3798) Urge Mandatory Sanctions Related to Security Law***

WASHINGTON, DC (May 20, 2020) – In response to the announcement that the National People's Congress, China's "rubberstamp" legislature, will review and impose new security law on Hong Kong during the upcoming meeting this weekend, **HKDC's Managing Director, Samuel Chu** releases this statement:

"The move by the Chinese Communist Party and its National People's Congress to directly impose security law on Hong Kong is illegal. It violates the 1984 Joint Agreement, Hong Kong's Basic Law, and it fundamentally undermines 'One Country, Two Systems.'

At the same time, the CCP's move to by-pass Hong Kong's legislative process and its handpicked puppet administration to impose these authoritarian measures shows just how strong and resilient the will of the protest movement really is. Hong Kongers simply will not yield to threats – even if that means surveillance, imprisonment, labor camps, disappearances, and torture like we have seen take place within China.

We are heartened and bolstered by the immediate and overwhelming responses by Members of the US Congress to condemn the CCP's move and in support of Hong Kongers.

Secretary of State Pompeo and the Administration were right to withhold the certification report on Hong Kong's autonomy required under the new Hong Kong Human Rights and Democracy Act until after this weekend's NPC gathering. Now the world knows just how far the CCP is willing to go to destroy Hong Kong's unique status, rule of law and way of life under the guise of national security. The time is now for Secretary Pompeo and the US to stand up to its commitment and determination to hold the CCP accountable.

We thank Senator Josh Hawley, Senator Pat Toomey, Senator Chris Van Hollen, and Rep. Mike Gallagher for spearheading the swift Congressional actions by introducing resolutions in both the Senate and the House condemning the move. And special thanks to the dozens of Senators and Representatives already committed to co-sponsoring these urgent resolutions and calls to action."

***Hong Kong Democracy Council (HKDC) is a Washington, 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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