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Secretary Pompeo Condemns CCP's Attempt to Arrest and Prosecute HKDC's Managing Director

WASHINGTON, DC (August 4, 2020) In response to [Secretary of State Mike Pompeo's statement](#) this morning condemning Beijing's attempt to prosecute pro-democracy activists overseas, including Samuel Chu, an American citizen and HKDC's managing director, HKDC releases the following statement::

"I thank Secretary Pompeo for his public condemnation of CCP's attempt to prosecute and silence me. HKDC is a US-based organization, led by US citizens, and dedicated to the work of informing the US government and American public on US policy toward Hong Kong. My actions and advocacy are protected by the US Constitution. Beijing's fantastical obsession to impose their brand of authoritarianism globally is only bringing more and tougher actions and interventions from free nations around the globe. The CCP is trying to place the blame on individuals like me, while in fact, they have no one to blame but themselves.

I will not be silenced - and the reported arrest warrant for me is a wakeup call. The threat is no longer just real in Hong Kong but now at our door. My case illustrates why it is critical that the US suspends our extradition treaty with Hong Kong, as the President has instructed in his July 14 executive order. We urge all other freedom-loving nations to do the same. By targeting me, the CCP also raises serious questions to the safety and rights of the estimated 85,000 Americans living in Hong Kong, and US businesses and American workers in China.

I also want to thank Members of Congress who have spoken out forcefully against the arrest warrants and in support of me, the 5 other activists targeted, and HKDC, including Senators [Durbin](#), [Menendez](#), [Blackburn](#), [R. Scott](#), [Rubio](#) and Representatives [Engel](#), [McGovern](#), [Castro](#), [Curtis](#)."

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.

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