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## Concerns Regarding UK Government's Engagement with Hong Kong

Dear [MP's name] MP,

I am a Hongkonger who has been forced to live in exile and now residing at [Your Address], respectfully write to express our apprehensions regarding the visit of the UK's Secretary of State for Business and Trade to Hong Kong.

We acknowledge the significance of trade for the economic development of the United Kingdom, especially as it pertains to post-pandemic recovery and the stabilisation of economic uncertainties. However, we kindly request that the UK government takes into consideration the escalating threats to freedoms and human rights in China and Hong Kong when engaging in discussions with any Chinese officials, including those happening within the UK.

Over the past few years, we have witnessed an increasingly assertive stance from Beijing, resulting in tighter control over Hong Kong and the eroding of fundamental freedoms and rights in this former British colony. Measures such as implementing the National Security Law of Hong Kong have led to the detention of numerous pro-democracy campaigners and former lawmakers, including the imprisonment of British National Jimmy Lai, the founder of the now-defunct Apple Daily. Under these circumstances, we are concerned that British businessmen in Hong Kong may not enjoy the promised protection of their rights and freedoms, and their personal liberty could be threatened by state-sanctioned surveillance and intimidation.

As a country that upholds democratic values, we firmly believe that the UK government has a responsibility to address and express concerns regarding human rights issues. We respectfully urge the UK government to apply pressure on the Hong Kong authorities to address the local human rights situation and release individuals detained for expressing their conscience.

Moreover, we implore the UK government to consider the well-documented track record of human rights infringements by the Chinese Communist Party when engaging in collaborations with any cities in China. It is crucial to recognize that the current business ties with Hong Kong evidently serve as economic leverage for China in furthering its political propaganda and inadvertently threaten the democratic way of life within the UK.

We sincerely hope that the UK government takes the above-mentioned concerns into account while engaging with Hong Kong governing authorities, ensuring Sino-British relations remain bilateral and conducted in a manner that prioritises human rights and democratic values. Thank you for your attention to this matter.

I would very much like you to raise these issues with the Secretary of State and to have a constituency surgery appointment with you to address the matters in detail.

You can contact me at [email] or [telephone]. Thank you for your help with this matter and I look forward to your response.

Best Wishes,

[Your Name]

