



Stand with Hong Kong Resolution

H.Res. 543: Rep. Sherman, Rep. Wagner, Rep. Connolly, and Rep. Khanna

A Resolution recognizing Hong Kong's bilateral relationship with the United States, condemning the interference of the People's Republic of China in Hong Kong's affairs, and supporting the people of Hong Kong's right to protest.

Background

This resolution calls on the Hong Kong government, and all governments, to protect the rights of freedom of expression and peaceful assembly; to condemn all acts of violence against those seeking to further their democratic rights; and to refrain from the use of violence.

For months, Hong Kong residents have taken to the streets in record numbers. The people of Hong Kong have protested the proposed bill to allow for extradition to mainland China and have demanded universal suffrage in the election of Chief Executive and the Legislative Council to ensure Hong Kong maintains a high degree of autonomy. The Hong Kong police's use of excessive force against the demonstrators and increasingly threatening rhetoric from the Chinese Communist Party have prompted responses from the international community. This resolution highlights these worrisome events.

Support for democratization and human rights are fundamental principles of U.S. foreign policy. The United States Congress has a responsibility to support the residents of Hong Kong, condemn the use of force against peaceful demonstrations, denounce efforts by the Hong Kong and Chinese Governments to characterize the demonstrations as "riots"; blame the United States for involvement in the political instability they alone created, and share the concerns of the people of Hong Kong regarding China's encroachment on Hong Kong's autonomy. This resolution expresses such support for the people of Hong Kong.

A House Resolution, while not having the force of law, expresses the opinion of the US House of Representatives.

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