

Congress of the United States
Washington, DC 20515

May 7, 2026

The Honorable Donald J. Trump
The White House
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue NW
Washington, DC 20500

Dear President Trump:

As you engage with General Secretary Xi Jinping at the upcoming summit, we respectfully ask you to again raise the case of Hong Kong political prisoner Jimmy Lai and seek his release.

On February 9, 2026, Mr. Lai—now 78—was sentenced to 20 years in prison under Hong Kong’s National Security Law. Given his age and condition, this sentence amounts to spending the rest of his life behind bars.

The humanitarian case for Mr. Lai’s freedom is urgent and undeniable. He is a devout Catholic and successful entrepreneur who has already spent five years in detention, much of it in solitary confinement. His health has declined in custody, and prolonged isolation and inadequate prison conditions only increase the risk of permanent harm.

Mr. Lai’s family is understandably anxious about his deteriorating health condition. His family, his friends, and supporters, have indicated that if he is released, he will leave Hong Kong and withdraw from public life. It is a clear, practical path forward that reunites a family and prevents this case from becoming an irreversible tragedy—and an enduring symbol of repression that will echo far beyond Hong Kong.

Mr. President, we greatly appreciated that you have discussed this case personally with Xi Jinping in the past, and in light of the urgent health concerns, we urge you to do so again. Now is a key time to re-emphasize the case, not only given Mr. Lai’s age and health, but also because this will be the first time you are meeting with Xi Jinping since the Hong Kong legal proceedings against Mr. Lai came to an end earlier this March.

Your direct engagement is critical to securing Mr. Lai's immediate release on humanitarian parole, so he can receive appropriate medical care and reunite with his family. Thank you for your consideration of this request and your continued dedication to this issue.

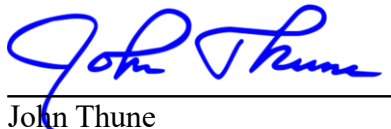
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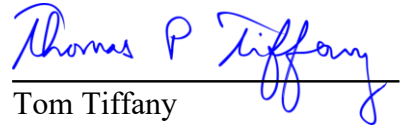
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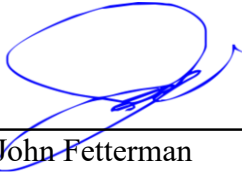
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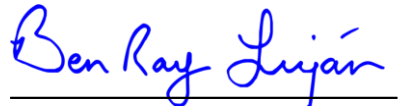
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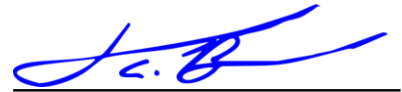
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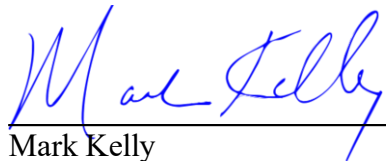
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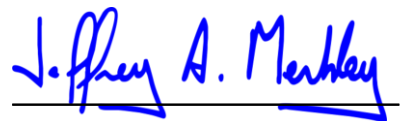
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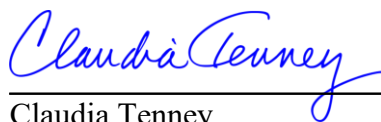
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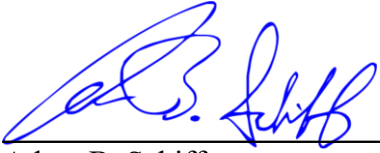
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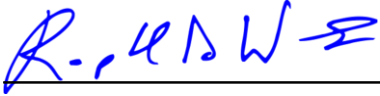
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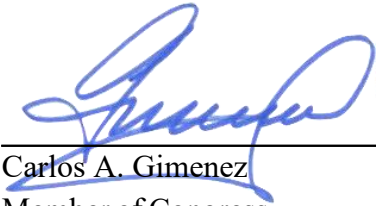
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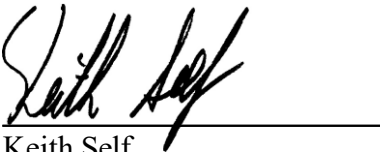
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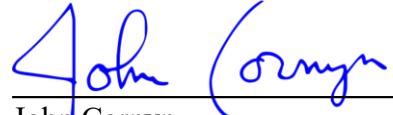
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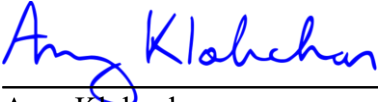
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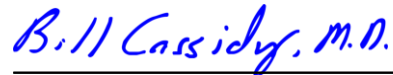
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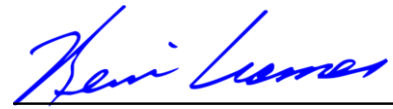
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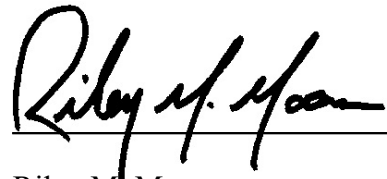
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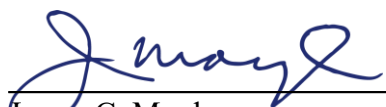
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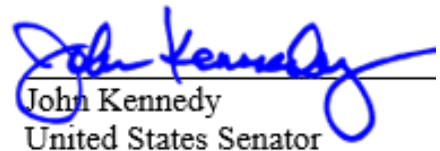
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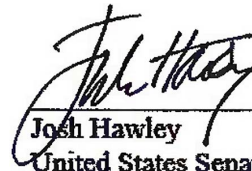
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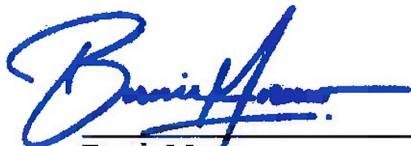
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