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AMENDMENT NO. _____ Calendar No. _____

Purpose: In the nature of a substitute.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES—119th Cong., 1st Sess.

S. Res. 98

Condemning Beijing’s destruction of Hong Kong’s democracy and rule of law.

Referred to the Committee on _____ and ordered to be printed

Ordered to lie on the table and to be printed

AMENDMENT IN THE NATURE OF A SUBSTITUTE intended to be proposed by Mr. MURPHY

Viz:

1 Strike all after the resolving clause and insert the following: “That the Senate—

3 (1) condemns the Government of the People’s Republic of China’s “Hong Kong National Security Law”, the Hong Kong government’s “Safeguarding National Security Ordinance”, and related abuses of internationally recognized human rights;

8 (2) condemns the Trump administration’s ongoing threats to the United States’ democracy and rule of law;

11 (3) urges all governments that value democracy or autonomy to hold the Chinese Communist Party

1 and the Hong Kong authorities accountable for their
2 destruction of Hong Kong's autonomy, rule of law,
3 and freedoms;

4 (4) urges all Americans who value democracy to
5 hold the Trump administration accountable for its
6 destruction of rule of law and freedoms;

7 (5) supports the people of Hong Kong as they
8 fight to exercise fundamental rights and freedoms,
9 as enumerated by—

10 (A) the Joint Declaration of the Govern-
11 ment of the United Kingdom of Great Britain
12 and Northern Ireland and the Government of
13 the People's Republic of China on the Question
14 of Hong Kong, done at Beijing December 19,
15 1984;

16 (B) the International Covenant on Civil
17 and Political Rights, done at New York Decem-
18 ber 19, 1966; and

19 (C) the Universal Declaration of Human
20 Rights, done at Paris December 10, 1948;

21 (6) supports the people of the United States as
22 they exercise fundamental rights and freedoms, as
23 enumerated by—

24 (A) the United States Constitution;

1 (B) the International Covenant on Civil
2 and Political Rights, done at New York Decem-
3 ber 19, 1966; and

4 (C) the Universal Declaration of Human
5 Rights, done at Paris December 10, 1948;

6 (7) condemns the Government of the People's
7 Republic of China's practice of bringing false and
8 politically motivated charges against Hong Kongers
9 and the expansion of Hong Kong's national security
10 regime that destroys the rule of law and undermines
11 citizens' rights in Hong Kong;

12 (8) condemns the Trump administration's prac-
13 tice of threatening to revoke licenses for independent
14 media outlets, opening investigations into inde-
15 pendent journalists, nominating the President's per-
16 sonal lawyer as the United States Attorney General,
17 calling universities the enemy, demonizing the
18 LGBTQ community, calling journalists the "enemy
19 of the people", targeting the Catholic Church, sup-
20 pressing anti-corruption prosecutions and investiga-
21 tions, illegally withholding congressionally appro-
22 priated funding, illegally terminating Federal em-
23 ployees, and pardoning criminals convicted of vio-
24 lence against the police on January 6, 2021;

1 (9) calls upon the Hong Kong government to
2 immediately drop all sedition, National Security
3 Law, and Article 23-related charges and free all de-
4 fendants immediately, including Jimmy Lai;

5 (10) calls upon the Trump administration to
6 immediately cease its comprehensive assaults on
7 United States civil rights commitments and the rule
8 of law;

9 (11) expresses extreme concern about the Gov-
10 ernment of the People's Republic of China' state-di-
11 rected theft of Apple Daily, and holds that Hong
12 Kong no longer has credibility as an international
13 business center due to the erosion of the regulatory,
14 legal, and judicial environments that have promoted
15 its economic growth for decades;

16 (12) expresses extreme concern about the
17 Trump administration halting enforcement of anti-
18 corruption laws, and holds that the United States
19 stands to lose credibility as an international business
20 center due to the erosion of the regulatory, legal,
21 and judicial environments that have promoted its
22 economic growth for decades;

23 (13) encourages the United States Government
24 and other governments to take steps at multilateral
25 institutions to ensure that voting procedures recog-

1 nize that there is no longer a meaningful distinction
2 between Hong Kong and mainland China;

3 (14) encourages the United States Government
4 to take steps at multilateral institutions to ensure
5 compliance with international law and institutions;

6 (15) urges the United States Government to
7 use all available and appropriate tools, including
8 those authorized by the Hong Kong Human Rights
9 and Democracy Act, in response to the Government
10 of the People's Republic of China's actions in Hong
11 Kong; and

12 (16) urges the American people to use exercise
13 all fundamental freedoms, including those protected
14 by the United States Constitution, in response to the
15 Trump administration's actions in the United
16 States.