

United States Senate

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October 23, 2025

The Honorable Donald J. Trump
President
The White House
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue Northwest
Washington, D.C. 20500

Dear President Trump:

As you meet with Xi Jinping at the APEC conference this month, we encourage you to use this opportunity to secure the release of Hong Kong political prisoner Jimmy Lai.

We have deep respect for your outspoken advocacy for Mr. Lai. You understand the urgency of his plight: a devout Catholic, a beloved husband, father, and grandfather; and an ardent campaigner for freedom. Now, after almost five years in solitary confinement, Mr. Lai's trial under Hong Kong's National Security Law is coming to an end, but time is not on his side—he must be released immediately.

The humanitarian case for Mr. Lai's release is stronger and more dire than ever, which is why this must be addressed at the highest possible level. At 78 years old, he is in poor and deteriorating health. He is a diabetic and suffers from numerous physical ailments that are compounded by his continuing incarceration. Mr. Lai's representatives have assured us that if he is released, he will leave Hong Kong and never return. He would have no desire to remain in public life. Should he die in prison, on the other hand, he would become a martyr; a powerful and enduring symbol of opposition.

We have great confidence that, should you, as the leader of the free world, raise Jimmy Lai's case, President Xi will understand the importance of releasing Jimmy Lai now, before it is too late.

Sincerely,



Rick Scott
United States Senator



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Chairman
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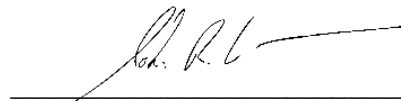
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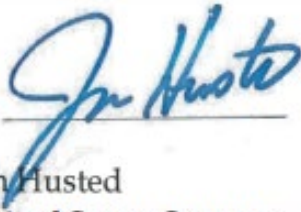
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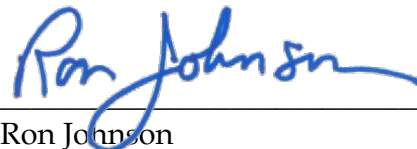
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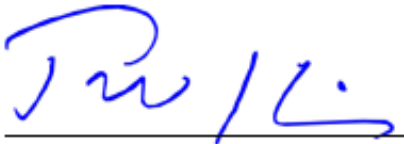
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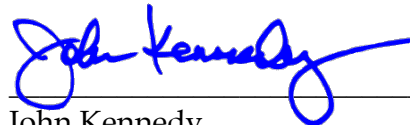
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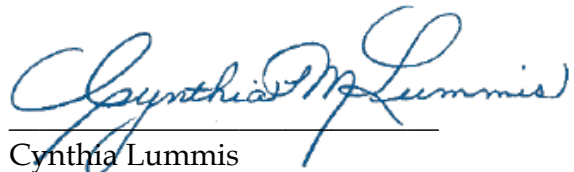
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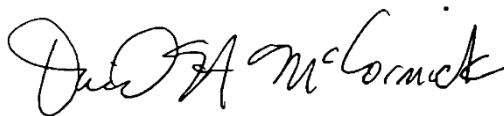
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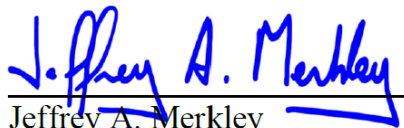
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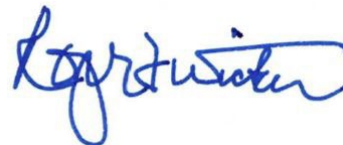
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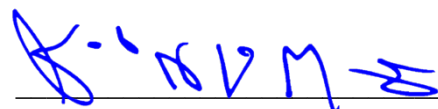
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