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Dear Sir or Madam,

I am a senior at Phillips Academy of Massachusetts, U.S.A. I am stunned by the news that the Hong Kong legislature is considering the Article 23 of Hong Kong's Basic Law. I cannot understand the reason for the proposal; there is no imminent threat of rebellion or social unrest in Hong Kong and there has not been any recently. To me and many people in the U.S., Hong Kong has been known as the international center of trade and commerce in Asia, and especially as a haven for human rights and free speech.

However, if this bill were passed, then "The Pearl of East" would lose its luster in the international arena of human rights and free expression. I still remember the Tiananmen Massacre of '89 in Mainland China and how the student protesters were violently suppressed in the name of anti-subversion. The last thing I want to see is for Hong Kong to repeat this history. I hope the Hong Kong legislature will consider discarding this bill and keeping Hong Kong the way it was-- a free and open society.

Sincerely,



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