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To the Hong Kong Legislative Council,

I am an American student at the University of Michigan. I am very concerned about article 23. Not too long ago I sent you a copy of the mass email being sent out which has more detailed information. Primarily I will emphasize this to you. I have practiced Falun Gong for almost three years and it has been nothing but a benefit and positive influence in my life. Yet under the proposed article 23 I think it is likely that Falun Gong will be effectively outlawed in Hong Kong, this would be a disastrous repetition of the cruel and unjust persecution of Falun Gong in Mainland China. In fact, I've read all the teachings of Falun Gong, above all else it upholds Truthfulness, Compassion, and Forbearance, in other words, it can only be a benefit to society and the teachings are explicitly nonpolitical. Please take the time to think over this issue, Hong Kong could be making a huge mistake.

Thank you for your time,
Evan Mantyk