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Dear Editor,

Contrary to your online article “We need help! Young protesters stand up for Hong Kong democracy against enormous odds” by Trudy Rubin (November 18), it is not the government or police being violent in Hong Kong, but the protesters, who are committing dangerous and destructive acts.

In recent days, we have seen severe disruptions to public transport and road networks, massive vandalism of private and public property, and deployment of dangerous weapons including petrol bombs by protesters. The police have a duty to respond to these illegal activities with enforcement actions to ensure public order and safety.

We need to treasure and respect the rule of law--the fundamental basis of Hong Kong. No one is above the law. No one should cross the line, regardless of his or her political demands or motives. We urge people to end the violence in order to restore peace and order to our beloved city.

Sincerely,

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