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Editor
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Dear Editor,

I refer to Michael Shoebridge's interview with Sky News on 30 July 2020.

The scope of the National Security Law is very defined and confined. It only deals with four types of acts and activities endangering national security, and the offences are clearly defined in law. The legal principles that we attach a lot of importance to, like presumption of innocence and no retrospective effect and so on, are being upheld. The Law respects and protects human rights as provided for under the Basic Law, and relevant provisions in the two international covenants as applied to Hong Kong.

Instead of undermining people's freedom, the Law will restore stability and help ensure the great majority of Hong Kong people could exercise their rights and freedoms, without being intimidated or attacked. The Law will actually remove fear and let Hong Kong people return to a normal, peaceful life.

While Hong Kong will resume her status as one of the safest cities in the world, our much-valued institutional strengths and core competitiveness including rule of law, judicial independence, open and flexible markets, freedom of capital movement, a simple and low tax regime, an efficient public sector and a favourable business environment with a level playing field, will all remain intact.

The National Security Law, together with our inherent advantages, will further enhance Hong Kong's excellent business environment and restore the confidence of overseas investors.

Yours sincerely,
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