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The Editor
Letters to the Editor
The Globe and Mail
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Dear Editor,

I refer to the article “For Hong Kong residents looking to escape repression, it might already be too late” published on September 15, 2020.

Regarding the National Security Law of Hong Kong, the Hong Kong Special Administration Region (HKSAR) Government has stressed that it aims to improve our city’s system for safeguarding national security, as well as to safeguard the long-term stability and safety of Hong Kong. The law clearly specifies that the legitimate rights and freedoms, including the freedoms of speech, of the press, of publication, of assembly, of procession and of demonstration, which Hong Kong residents enjoy under the Basic Law of the HKSAR, the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights and the International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights as applied to Hong Kong, shall be protected. It should also be stressed that establishing the legal system to safeguard national security will not undermine or replace Hong Kong’s existing legal system, and our judicial system is protected by the Basic Law.

Earlier this month, Hong Kong has once again held the top rank in the Fraser Institute’s Economic Freedom of the World 2020 Annual Report. This is an unambiguous recognition of Hong Kong’s long-standing and steadfast commitment to building a free economy with a level playing field. The ideal location of Hong Kong in Asia also enables businesses to tap into the multitude of opportunities in the Guangdong-Hong Kong-Macao Bay Area, the Mainland of China, North East Asia and ASEAN.

Hong Kong will remain a vibrant, open and international financial and business centre, with a prosperous and stable future.

Sincerely,
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