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**SEBASTIEN LAI TO DISCUSS FATHER'S UPCOMING TRIAL AND THE STATE OF  
DEMOCRACY IN HONG KONG AT THE REAGAN INSTITUTE**  
**Film Screening of *The Hong Konger: Jimmy Lai's Extraordinary Struggle for  
Freedom***

**WASHINGTON, DC** – Ahead of the trial of Hong Kong businessman, publisher, and democracy activist Jimmy Lai, the Ronald Reagan Institute's Center for Freedom and Democracy will host an event titled, “**The Fight for Freedom: Jimmy Lai and Democracy in Hong Kong.**” Co-sponsored by the Committee for Freedom in Hong Kong Foundation and the Foundation for Defense of Democracies, the event will feature remarks from Jimmy Lai's son, **Sebastien Lai**, a screening of the award-winning documentary *The Hong Konger*, and a panel discussion about Jimmy Lai's case and the state of freedom in Hong Kong today. The discussion will be moderated by **Jay Nordlinger** of *National Review* and include **Sebastien Lai**, **Sunny Cheung** of the SNF Agora Institute at Johns Hopkins University, **Dr. Mark Clifford** of the Committee for Freedom in Hong Kong Foundation, and **Caoilfhionn Gallagher KC**, a human rights lawyer serving as international counsel for Jimmy and Sebastien Lai.

**About The Film:** *The Hong Konger* is a documentary produced by the Acton Institute. When Hong Kong's basic freedoms came under attack, newspaper publisher and pro-democracy activist Jimmy Lai found himself in the crosshairs of the state and must choose between defending Hong Kong's long-standing liberties and ensuring his own freedom.

**What:           The Fight for Freedom: Jimmy Lai and Democracy in Hong Kong**

**Who:           Fred Ryan**, Chairman, Ronald Reagan Presidential Foundation & Institute  
**Sebastien Lai**, Son of Jimmy Lai and leader of the campaign to secure his father's freedom  
**Jay Nordlinger**, Senior Editor, *National Review*  
**Dr. Mark Clifford**, President, Committee for Freedom in Hong Kong Foundation  
**Caoilfhionn Gallagher KC**, Human rights lawyer serving as international counsel for Jimmy and Sebastien Lai  
**Sunny Cheung**, Visiting Fellow, SNF Agora Institute at Johns Hopkins University

**When:          4:00 PM ET, Thursday, September 7th**

**Where:         Ronald Reagan Presidential Foundation and Institute**  
850 16th Street  
Washington, DC 20006

**For in-person attendance, media must RSVP to [harrington@invariantgr.com](mailto:harrington@invariantgr.com). Click [here](#) to register for virtual attendance.**

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