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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. Click here to register for virtual attendance.
About the Reagan Foundation and Institute:
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