

## HRES 543

Recognizing Hong Kong's bilateral relationship with the United States, condemning the People's Republic of China for violating their obligations to the people of Hong Kong, and supporting the people of Hong Kong's right to freedom of assembly and peaceful protest.

**Congress:** 116 (2019–2021, Ended)

**Chamber:** House

**Policy Area:** International Affairs

**Introduced:** Aug 30, 2019

**Current Status:** The title of the measure was amended. Agreed to without objection.

**Latest Action:** The title of the measure was amended. Agreed to without objection. (Oct 15, 2019)

**Official Text:** <https://www.congress.gov/bill/116th-congress/house-resolution/543>

### Sponsor

---

**Name:** Rep. Sherman, Brad [D-CA-30]

**Party:** Democratic • **State:** CA • **Chamber:** House

Cosponsors (24 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Rep. Connolly, Gerald E. [D-VA-11]	D · VA		Aug 30, 2019
Rep. Wagner, Ann [R-MO-2]	R · MO		Aug 30, 2019
Rep. Yoho, Ted S. [R-FL-3]	R · FL		Aug 30, 2019
Rep. Cohen, Steve [D-TN-9]	D · TN		Sep 10, 2019
Rep. Clarke, Yvette D. [D-NY-9]	D · NY		Sep 11, 2019
Del. Norton, Eleanor Holmes [D-DC-At Large]	D · DC		Sep 12, 2019
Rep. King, Steve [R-IA-4]	R · IA		Sep 16, 2019
Rep. Meadows, Mark [R-NC-11]	R · NC		Sep 16, 2019
Rep. Rouda, Harley [D-CA-48]	D · CA		Sep 16, 2019
Rep. Castro, Joaquin [D-TX-20]	D · TX		Sep 17, 2019
Rep. Curtis, John R. [R-UT-3]	R · UT		Sep 17, 2019
Rep. Hurd, Will [R-TX-23]	R · TX		Sep 17, 2019
Rep. McGovern, James P. [D-MA-2]	D · MA		Sep 17, 2019
Rep. Kuster, Ann M. [D-NH-2]	D · NH		Sep 19, 2019
Rep. Meeks, Gregory W. [D-NY-5]	D · NY		Sep 19, 2019
Rep. Cicilline, David N. [D-RI-1]	D · RI		Sep 24, 2019
Rep. Watkins, Steve [R-KS-2]	R · KS		Sep 24, 2019
Rep. Wilson, Joe [R-SC-2]	R · SC		Sep 24, 2019
Rep. Engel, Eliot L. [D-NY-16]	D · NY		Sep 25, 2019
Rep. Costa, Jim [D-CA-16]	D · CA		Oct 4, 2019
Rep. Phillips, Dean [D-MN-3]	D · MN		Oct 4, 2019
Rep. Pappas, Chris [D-NH-1]	D · NH		Oct 15, 2019
Rep. Spanberger, Abigail Davis [D-VA-7]	D · VA		Oct 15, 2019
Rep. Taylor, Van [R-TX-3]	R · TX		Oct 15, 2019

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Foreign Affairs Committee	House	Markup By	Sep 25, 2019

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

International Affairs

Related Bills

No related bills are listed.

This resolution calls on the Hong Kong government to begin negotiations with protesters to address their five central demands, including the formal withdrawal of the extradition bill that prompted the protests and the complete implementation of universal adult suffrage. It also condemns (1) the Hong Kong government's use of force against the demonstrators, (2) the government's characterizations of the protests as "riots" and attempts to blame the United States for the city's political situation, and (3) Chinese state media for targeting staff and family members of the U.S. Consulate General in Hong Kong.

(Hong Kong is a part of China but has a mostly separate legal system, which includes protection for civil liberties including freedom from arbitrary imprisonment. Protests sprung up in opposition to the introduction of an extradition bill that critics say would allow extradition to jurisdictions that do not have such protections, in particular mainland China.)

### **Actions Timeline**

---

- **Oct 15, 2019:** Mr. Sherman moved to suspend the rules and agree to the resolution, as amended.
- **Oct 15, 2019:** Considered under suspension of the rules. (consideration: CR H8116-8119)
- **Oct 15, 2019:** DEBATE - The House proceeded with forty minutes of debate on H. Res. 543.
- **Oct 15, 2019:** Passed/agreed to in House: On motion to suspend the rules and agree to the resolution, as amended Agreed to by voice vote.(text: CR H8116-8117)
- **Oct 15, 2019:** On motion to suspend the rules and agree to the resolution, as amended Agreed to by voice vote. (text: CR H8116-8117)
- **Oct 15, 2019:** Motion to reconsider laid on the table Agreed to without objection.
- **Oct 15, 2019:** The title of the measure was amended. Agreed to without objection.
- **Sep 25, 2019:** Committee Consideration and Mark-up Session Held.
- **Sep 25, 2019:** Ordered to be Reported in the Nature of a Substitute by Unanimous Consent.
- **Aug 30, 2019:** Introduced in House
- **Aug 30, 2019:** Referred to the House Committee on Foreign Affairs.