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American Chamber of Commerce
Room 1904,
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Attn: Mr. Frank Martin

Dear Mr. Martin,

I would like to personally thank you for the support you gave in helping ease visa restrictions for Hong Kong-based journalists visiting mainland China.

I consider this unprecedented easing of visa restrictions the greatest accomplishment of my presidency of the Foreign Correspondents' Club.

For your information please find:

A copy the letter I received from the government laying out the changes.

The letter I sent to fellow foreign correspondents.

A Reuters story on the issue.

~~As your efforts prove, freedom of expression is not an issue of interest only to journalists.~~

Sincerely,

Thomas Crampton
President