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**Bio & Policy Statement from
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The FCC is an invaluable resource for young journalists such as myself, providing exposure to some of Asia's most experienced professionals and crucial advocacy on issues that will impact our freedom to work in the years to come. And yet, time and again, I've heard my peers express reluctance to join the club. My first priority as a correspondent member governor would be to convince them that the FCC has something of value for everyone.

My policy objectives are twofold: helping to encourage new, diverse membership, and increasing participation on the committees that keep the club both functional and relevant. Over my first year of membership I've had the pleasure to serve on the Press Freedom Committee; over the next I hope to escalate my involvement and motivate other members to lend their time and expertise to keep club activities energized.

A bit about me: I'm a Senior Editor for TIME, which I joined as a reporter in 2016. Before moving to Hong Kong, I worked as a reporter and editor in Myanmar and Thailand for four years; in both countries I primarily covered Myanmar's democratic transition (and rapid relapse). Since joining TIME I have reported from eight countries across Asia, covering humanitarian crises, politics and other news of the day.

Having worked in a lot in places that lack the luxury of a free press, I fully appreciate the value of an institution such as the FCC; it can be a meeting place, a networking hub, and a powerful voice of advocacy at a time when media freedoms are increasingly under threat. In my view it's worth every penny and hour spent, and I'm keen to bring others on board.