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Hong Kong Cable Television Limited  
STAR Group Limited**

**Television Broadcasts Limited  
Yes Television (Hong Kong) Limited**

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Hon Mr. Sin Chung-kai  
Chairman  
Bills Committee  
Legislative Council  
8 Jackson Road  
Central  
Hong Kong

*(By fax: 28696794)*

Dear Mr. Sin,

**Copyright (Suspension of Amendments) Bill 2001**

We are disappointed that despite numerous submissions made by the TV industry, the Government has not proposed to take out non-dramatic television programmes from the suspension list.

It is Wrong to artificially differentiate between dramatic and non-dramatic programmes simply for the purpose of giving them different protection. The artificial differentiation would give rise to anomaly, uncertainty and unfairness.

We would like to urge the Bills Committee not to pass the Bill unless and until television programmes of all genres, both live and pre-recorded, are included in the exceptions to the suspension. This could be done by replacing s.2(2)(b) of the Bill with the following:

*"a broadcast or a cable programme commonly known as television programme and that has been published or is intended to be published in Hong Kong or elsewhere;"\**

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\* (1) By definition, "film" refers to a pre-recorded material only. "Broadcast" and "cable

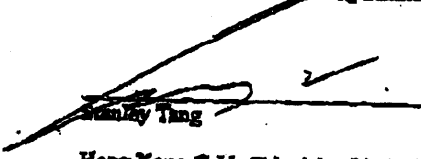
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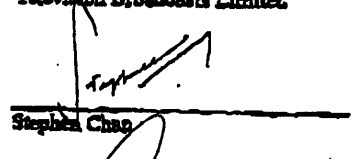
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Yours sincerely,

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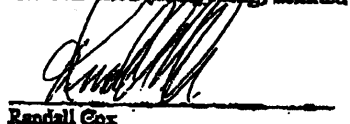
  
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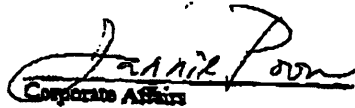
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programme" could be live and pre-recorded.

(2) The Government has indicated to the TV industry that the definitions of "broadcast" and "cable programme" under the Copyright Ordinance are wide and could cover materials not commonly found on TV. In view of this, we have qualified the scope by inserting the words "commonly known as television programme".