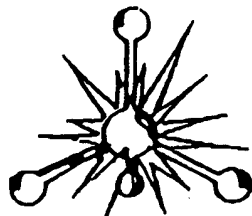


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(fax no. 25099055)Lantau Island, 27<sup>th</sup> November 2000.

Dear Ladies,

Firstly I would like to apologize for the delay of this written submission, but unfortunately as I spoke prior with Mrs. Yu, a hectic schedule has delayed the writing of this submission.

I would also like to apologize as I cannot meet with all the criteria asked for the submission, as I am unable to make a translation to it, because at the moment we are lacking the Chinese manpower needed to cope with such a task (they are away on holiday).

What we feel about the enforcement of this piece of legislation, and all legislation that has or may be proposed, is that not only should it be fair and true to the public as a whole, but the parties that it is aimed at to be enforced upon should be taken into consideration as well. In our particular case being and like many others, being a drug rehabilitation and treatment center (residential), we feel that there are three factors that should be taken into consideration at all times, which are – the clients, the public, and also the administrative boards of these agencies. I also believe that we are in agreement upon this next point, which is that the administrative boards, should and are in charge of the daily functioning, and proper conduction of these agencies, and in the cases of charitable organizations, also in charge of the funding required to maintain the agency.

Following on from my last point, I feel that there are certain issues, and discrepancies within this particular bill that need to be well discussed, and looked at with extreme caution in regard to the administrative boards of these agencies – as many of the organizations affected by this bill, have now been working seriously hard for many years now. At many times without the proper financial back-up that many other agencies were allocated, surviving by putting effort into the cause that they were working towards, always trying to achieve the best results for those under their care, in some ways I feel that this bill would dispose of these efforts – by asking some of the charitable organizations to in a short period of time be able to fit all the requirements asked within this bill.

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Although like all other agencies involved and affected by this bill we were aware by February that there would be funds given in order for the agencies to fulfil the requirements. We want you to know that SER in an attempt to start to comply with the requirements, contacted some governmental departments and invited them to come and see the center in order for them to tell us what kind of works we would need to accomplish to with the safety environmental issues required to accomplish to the bill. In order to have and estimate to see what kind of financial challenge that SER would face.

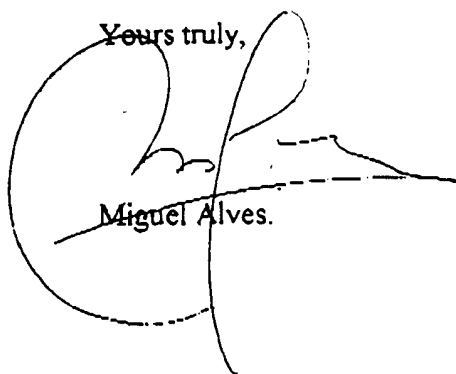
However we were surprised and disappointed to find when we requested these services from the departments we were on occasions asked to either go elsewhere, or in some cases to seek help from private companies. We as a charitable organization are not able to cope with the fees requested from many private authorized people to issue quotations, or inform us of the safety conditions or improvements we should fulfil to accomplish this bill. Therefore we feel that the bill should cover this topic amongst others.

In conclusion, what we feel that this Legislative bills requires is time, and discussion, in order to fulfil all requirements asked for, and most likely in need of being amended in order to be improve – and be turned into a fair bill.

As Hong Kong is an administrative region – with many different modalities of treatment and many organizations inforcing this treatment trying to cater to the needs of the public, special attention should be given to the agencies opinions.

Once again I apologize for the delay, attached to this fax you will find a list of the representatives who will be attending the meeting held on the 29<sup>th</sup> of November.

Yours truly,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'Miguel Alves', written over a horizontal dashed line. The signature is stylized and somewhat cursive.

Miguel Alves.