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Sub-committee on the Fixed Penalty Fine  
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Dear Mrs Li

**Sub-Committee on the Fixed Penalty for Smoky Vehicles**

Clean air is for everyone and the 6.5 million residents of Hong Kong have a right to demand that the government do everything in its power to ensure that polluters have a strong enough deterrent to prevent them from polluting the air for all of us.

I am therefore disappointed that both the general public and the medical community are unable to present their views to the members of the LegCo Sub-Committee on Subsidiary Legislation reviewing the implementation date of the increased Fixed Penalty Fine for smoky vehicles. Please forward my written views to the members of this sub-committee.

Recent research in the USA has again confirmed the association between pollution and ill-health, and more specifically between a rise in RSP's and mortality. The figures are bleak and uncompromising.

Inaction and delayed action in Hong Kong can now be quantifiably related a direct relationship between ill-health and death of Hong Kong citizens as a result of pollution.

On behalf of all patients and the medical community within Hong Kong, I ask that delaying tactics no longer be deemed acceptable political tools in furthering business interests at the expense of lives and suffering. I ask that action to enforce existing laws be taken, that polluters no longer may assault the lives and lungs of our citizens with impunity, that legislators live up to their duty in protecting all citizens and establishing a society in which health concerns do not come behind profits.

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