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Hon SIN Chung-kai
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Dear Mr. SIN,

Views on the Copyright (Amendment) Bill 2001

In response to the letter from your Bills Committee to our Chairperson Ms. Anna Wu dated 16 July 2002 on the abovementioned subject, I write to convey to you the views of the Equal Opportunities Commission (EOC) on the Copyright (Amendment) Bill 2001.

The proposed removal of the civil and criminal liabilities related to parallel importation of and subsequent dealings in computer software under the Copyright Ordinance (Cap. 528) shall not affect much the daily operation of the EOC as all our computer software and hardware comply with existing copyright requirements. Therefore, the EOC, in principle, supports the proposal of the Copyright (Amendment) Bill 2001 to liberalize the parallel importation of and subsequent dealings in computer software.

Thank you for your attention. Should there be any questions, please feel free to contact the undersigned.

Yours sincerely,

(Loretta TANG)
for Chairperson
Equal Opportunities Commission

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