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Hong Kong Cable Television Ltd.

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Hon Kenneth TING Woo-shou, JP
Chairman, Panel on Commerce and Industry
The Legislative Council of Hong Kong SAR

(For the Panel Meeting on 4 February 2002)

Dear Mr. Ting,

Review of the Copyright Ordinance – Pirated Viewing of Subscription Television

We are disappointed that the Commerce and Industry Bureau has proposed to introduce criminal sanction against pirated viewing of subscription television in the course of business only but not in domestic premises.

Pirated viewing of subscription television is theft regardless of where the act is committed. It is a matter of principle and cannot be compromised on the excuse that enforcement actions at domestic premises are difficult. Justice cannot be administered if the same misdemeanour is sanctioned differently dependent upon where it has been committed.

We hope the Legislative Members would urge the Government to criminalize all unauthorized reception of subscription television whether for commercial or private purposes.

Yours sincerely,

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