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The Honourable Ms Mirlam Lau Kin-yee, GBS, JP Transport Panel Legislative Council Hong Kong

Dear Ms Lau

## Proposal to Increase Penalty for Violation of Traffic Lights

The Hong Kong Federation of Insurers (HKFI) is the representative body of authorized insurers in the territory recognized by the Government of the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region, which aims, among other things, to promote good insurance practices in the industry.

We understand that the Transport Advisory Board has recently suggested increasing the penalty for violation of traffic lights to enhance deterrence. We feel that this is one of the effective ways to prevent reckless driving, and it should go a long way towards reducing avoidable traffic accidents in line with public expectations.

As such, we the HKFI support the proposed way forward and suggest further discussions between the Government and the parties concerned on how best the above idea should be taken further.

Yours sincerely

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