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The Honourable Miriam LAU Kin-ye, GBS, JP  
Chairman of the House Committee  
Legislative Council  
8 Jackson Road  
Central, Hong Kong

Dear Chairman,

**Resumption of Second Reading Debate  
on the Smoking (Public Health) (Amendment) Bill 2005**

In accordance with Rule 54(5) of the Rules of Procedure of the Legislative Council, I am writing to consult you on my intention to give notice for the Smoking (Public Health) (Amendment) Bill 2005 to resume its Second Reading debate on 18 October 2006.

The Bills Committee is in support of the proposal for the Bill to resume its Second Reading debate on 18 October 2006. As the House Committee is due to consider the report of the Bills Committee at its meeting on 6 October 2006, there would only be eight clear days between the meeting of House Committee at which the Bill is to be considered and the date of resumption.

In the circumstances, subject to the House Committee's agreement to resume the second reading debate on 18 October, I look forward to the House Committee's support of my intention to seek the President's approval to waive the notice's requirement and place the item on the agenda for the LegCo meeting on 18 October so that the Bill can be resumed for debate at that meeting.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'Dr. York Chow', written over a faint, larger signature.

(Dr York Chow)  
Secretary for Health, Welfare and Food

c.c. Clerk to the House Committee  
Director of Administration