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Hon Miriam LAU Kin-yee, GBS, JP
Chairman
Bills Committee on Road Traffic Legislation (Amendment) Bill 2008
Legislative Council Building
8 Jackson Road
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Dear Chairman,

## Bills Committee on Road Traffic Legislation (Amendment) Bill 2008 Meeting at 8:30 a.m. on 22 April 2008

Please be informed that I will not be able to attend the captioned meeting, because I will be out of town on 22 April 2008. Nevertheless, on penalties for Drink Driving Offences, I share the same view with the Administration that drink-driving offenders should be disqualified from driving for not less than 3 months on first conviction. There is no need to seek more drastic measures for the time being: a 3-month suspension of driver's license is a grave alert to the first time offenders. Besides, these offenders will be required to take driving improvement courses on a mandatory basis to enhance their driving skills. Given that the objective of such penalty is to prevent re-offending, I consider the Administration's proposal appropriate and justifiable.

Thank you for your kind attention.

Yours sincerely,

Abraham SHEK Lai-him