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Subject: queries on the Amendment Bill of Domestic Violence Ordinance

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Dear Jimmy and WK.,

As you might be aware that in the discussions on the captioned bill, questions have been raised by different members including myself that the definition of a couple of " two persons " might still generate the possibility that more than two persons (say , three or five) may claim to fall under the said definition of " a couple " by making different applications of injunctions to the court, which, I believe, is not the legislative intent of the captioned bill .

To minimize the ambiguity of the definition, may I suggest to amend the definition to " a couple of two persons to the exclusion of others " ? By adding " to the exclusion of others " , in my view, would clarify the position and minimize the ambiguity in the future.

I need your assistance a.s.a.p. in order to prepare for a private amendment to the captioned bill.

Thank you very much.

Rgds,

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