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Subject Request to abolish the Employees Retraining Levy

History:

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Dear Legco councilors and the Labour Chief,

I am very angry and unhappy that after so many appeals and requests the government still insists not to abolish the Employees Retraining Levy, just to suspend it for two year which also causes a lot of misunderstanding and unhappiness.

Right from the start, this is a wrong policy. I do not understand why we, employers of foreign domestic helpers have to be penalised this way. At the SARS time, the government wanted to reduced the foreign helpers' salary in line with other professions' salary reduction, but how come we still had to pay the same amount, \$400 of each went to the so-called Employees' Retraining Fund. We get nothing to do with this fund and we have no benefit out of it. The training of local workers is the government's responsibility, not ours. We should pay if the fund benefits us or the foreign maids. The trained local workers cannot take the place of the foreign maids, plus eight out of ten locally retrained part-time maids are no good, it is just a waste of their time and our money.

When the economy was getting better and the foreign maids' salary has been increased at least 3 times, why we still have to pay the \$400? Now due to the financial tsunami, the economy is deteriorating fast and very soon our salary will be reduced too, yet we are paying more for a foreign maid than before the SARS time, why is this so unfair?

The Employees Retraining Fund has already got 4.9 millions, why still need us to pay without a justified reason? The government is going to increase the old people's monthly money up to a thousand dollars even though it has a deficit this year. Why can't the government abolish this unfair policy of penalising employers of foreign maids? Why can't the government be a good one and take up the responsibility of training local workers if it wants to.

I request the legco councilors push hard for us to abolish this levy. I am most willing to be interviewed and please give me a platform to voice my request.

I can be contacted thro' this email or on my mobile no

A most angry and unhappy employer of a foreign maid,

Mrs Yeung Suet Ha