To: Legislative Council

Cc Chief Executive

RE OBJECTION TO EXTEND THE DOMESTIC VIOLENCE ORDINANCE CHAPTER 189 TO COVER PERSONS OF THE SAME SEX AND LIVING TOGETHER

I strongly object any violence. I support that proper amendments be made to the Domestic Violence Ordinance Chapter 189.

I strongly object the extension of the Ordinance to cover persons of the same sex and living together as a family. The extension is absolutely inconsistent with the Ordinance.

The Ordinance intends to give protection against potential violence amongst "family members" and is desirable because of the inherent significant personal differences (especially physical strength) between family members living together. The extension is absolutely inconsistent with the Ordinance.

I am totally disappointed at the persons proposing the extension which only serves as red light to the proper amendments to curb violence under the Ordinance.

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