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*Dear Andrew*

**Request for a Public Hearing on “Major Prohibitions, Exclusion and Exemption”**

Since the Competition Bill was introduced, its mechanism of blanket exclusion for all statutory bodies has stirred business' disquiet, especially among those which have been facing alleged unfair competition from the government-funded organizations. As the Bills Committee is going to discuss the issue, I am writing to request a public hearing dedicated to the Bill's provisions of “major prohibitions, exclusion and exemption”.

Although the proposed competition bill may apply to statutory bodies or some of their activities, it would be solely at the Chief Executive's discretion. Enterprises in a wide range of industries, from exhibition to transportation, have repeatedly protested against such arrangement. However, with its latest amendments to the Bill, the Administration still fails to address the business' deep concerns over the exclusion and exemption provisions in the bill.

I have received requests from SMEs that, the Bills Committee should hold a separate public hearing soon giving the public as well as the statutory bodies an open platform to exchange views and ideas in regard to this serious matter. I would be very grateful if you could so arrange.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs. Regina Ip