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Chairman & Members  
Panel on Health Services  
Legislative Council  
Legislative Council Building  
8 Jackson Road  
Central, Hong Kong

Dear respectable Legislative Council members,

**Re: Objection to the establishment of Primary Care Office**

Hong Kong Doctors Union (HKDU) is shocked and most worried about the hastiness and the mysteriousness with which the Government has shown in pushing through public policies on primary health care in particularly the present seeking of funding.

We are left in the dark as to the actual details of many areas of the specific work and duties of proposed bodies such as the health centres or networks, how they are composed and specific functions they play and how they interact or affect existing private practitioners in the area. All we can hear are highly conceptual sentences on delivery models and conceptual jargons of the management hierarchy. Amidst disagreement the Primary Care Directory proposed went through with minutes written as universal approval. While overlapping of jurisdiction by existing Family Health Services, Family and Elderly Health Services and the future Primary Care Office adds to the confusion of redundancy, there is little justification of creating a large hierarchy of officials. Of extreme importance is for legislators to seriously ponder whether such extravagant spending of public funds to establish overseers and policy makers and not the actual delivery of health care is justified.

Hong Kong people are known to be practical and they like to know how the many new officials in the government really contribute to the improvement of health care delivery. Standards of care are already overseen by the Medical Council on the many Continuing Medical Education programmes run by numerous Medical bodies. Creating another overseeing authority over primary care is totally unnecessary. After a Primary Care Office, do we need a Secondary Care Authority or Specialist Care Office?



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Unless the government can fully explain in details what these complicated networks of overlapping bodies and demonstrate the effectiveness of such an arrangement and unless the medical profession who will be at the forefront of such a legislation be fully and properly consulted, HKDU strongly objects to the passing of funds to support a likely white elephant and a burden to society.

Yours sincerely,

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