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The Honourable Members of the Legislative Council
Legislative Council
Legislative Council Complex
1 Legislative Road
Central, Hong Kong

Dear Sirs/Madams,

RE: Copyright (Amendment) Bill 2011

I refer to the letter dated 3 May 2012 sent by The American Chamber of Commerce in Hong Kong (**AmCham**) urging the Legislative Council to pass the Copyright (Amendment) Bill 2011 (**Bill**) without delay.

Although the letter claims to represent the views of all AmCham members, of which Google is one, we would like to clarify that the letter does not reflect the views of Google. We welcome the passage of the Bill, but for reasons different from those stated in the AmCham letter:

1. Online piracy remains a challenge, but viable online marketplace alternatives provide ways that help people create, distribute and profit from copyrighted materials.
2. The proposal to introduce a fair dealing exception to allow the use of works for parody and satire is one that has merit and we welcome further consideration. We would support any separate consultation exercise by the Administration on this issue after the Bill is passed.

Should you have any enquiries, please contact Mr. Andy Yee, Google's Public Policy & Government Affairs Manager at andyee@google.com or by phone: 3923-5509.

Thank you very much for your kind attention.

Sincerely,



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