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Mr. Tommy Cheung,
Chairman, Finance Committee,
Legislative Council of Hong Kong
Date: January 22, 2015.

Dear Mr. Cheung,

Re: “Cut-the-cloth”! Stop Filibustering for Innovation and Technology Bureau

I am writing to raise my serious concern of the current “incorporative action” of a small group of LEGCO members, who constantly use filibuster to delay legislative actions in the LEGCO Finance Committee (FC) meetings. This behavior is totally irresponsible and utterly selfish. It is destructive to Hong Kong and is not welcome by the Information and Communication Technology (ITC) and other professional sectors.

It brings to my attention recently that the FC would soon discuss and vote for the Government’s budget proposal to establish the Innovation and Technology Bureau (ITB). This is a very important milestone, which Hong Kong cannot afford to miss. Our economy is very diverse with finance, real estate, logistics and tourism being our traditional pillar industries; and cultural & creative, medical services, education services, innovation & technology, testing & certification services and environmental industries being the new pillars. For effective development of these industries and for sustainable economic growth of Hong Kong, ITB will inevitably play a key role.

Hong Kong was once the leader of the Asian Four Little Dragons. Nevertheless, our competitiveness is gradually slipping in recent years. We are not only taken over by our Asian competitors, e.g. Singapore; but are also constantly challenged by our neighbouring cities, e.g. Shenzhen, Shanghai etc. Hong Kong really cannot wait any longer. We must establish the ITB to advance innovation and technologies in Hong Kong in full steam.

In conclusion, with slightest hesitation and for the betterment of Hong Kong, I urge Mr Chairman and members of the FC to “cut” the filibuster and approve the ITB budget immediately.

Yours Sincerely,

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