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Chairman
Subcommittee on Building (Standards of Sanitary Fitments,
Plumbing, Drainage Works and Latrine)(Amendment) Regulation 2015 and
Building (Administration)(Amendment)(No.2) Regulation 2015

Dear Ms Mak,

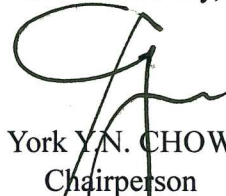
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Thank you for inviting the Equal Opportunities Commission (EOC) to give views on the Amendment Regulations.

The EOC always considers that Gender Mainstreaming is an important strategy for the promotion of women's advancement and gender equality. The findings in the Equal Opportunities Awareness Survey commissioned by the EOC in 2012/13 revealed that, regarding the importance of work related to equal opportunities, improvement in the ratio of female-to-male toilet in newly built public venues was one of the priorities identified. The EOC welcomes the introduction of the Amendments Regulations and supports the government's continuous efforts in bringing about the enhanced standards for the provision of female sanitary fitments in both public and private buildings.

For yet further improvement, it is advisable for the government to adopt a review system to consider if there is a need to further increase the ratio for certain venues such as concert halls, cinemas and conference facilities on a regular basis.

Yours sincerely,



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Chairperson

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