

(Translation)

(Letterhead of the Fresh Fruit Transportation Association)

Mrs Percy MA
Clerk to the Bills Committee on
Legislative Council (Amendment) Bill 1999

Dear Madam,

Founded in May 1995, the Fresh Fruit Transportation Association (FFTA) is composed of people who engage in the transportation of fresh fruit. At present, the FFTA has a membership of 85. Members of FFTA are owners of over 200 goods vehicles, transporting fresh fruit from the Yaumatei Wholesale Fruit Market to various districts all over Hong Kong. There are approximately 600 employers and employees under FFTA.

According to the electoral arrangements for the first term of the Legislative Council of the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region as announced by the Government on 8 July 1997, the Executive Council had agreed that the "Transport Functional Constituency (FC)" be included as one of the nine new functional constituencies. It has been our hope that members of FFTA can be included in the list of electors for the Transport FC.

In this connection, the FFTA wrote to the Constitutional Affairs Bureau on 31 July 1997 and 3 April 1998 respectively, urging the Administration to consider our views but we have not received any reply so far.

Our members very much hope to be included as electors of the Transport FC. Therefore, we are writing to entreat the Bills Committee to follow up this issue and consider the inclusion of FFTA members as electors of the Transport FC in the Legislative Council (Amendment) Bill 1999. Meanwhile, we would like to attend the meetings to be held on 26 and 30 March by the Bills Committee for public consultation.

Thank you for your attention and we look forward to your reply.

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(Chairman)