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Mr. Lau Chin-shek
Chairman of the Manpower Panel
C/o Legislative Council Secretariat

Via fax: 2877 8024

Dear Mr. Lau

I write a letter in support of incidental driving duties for foreign domestic helpers.

Our foreign domestic helper has been with us for over 14 years, and his family members for 18 years. Driving is incidental to his work as a domestic helper in our home where he cooks, irons and handles housework.

My job requires very irregular working hours of those who support me and my family and I do not believe that we would be able to find a local driver who would be prepared to live-in and carry out the range of duties performed by a foreign domestic helper.

Therefore, I would implore the Government to consider very carefully, the effects of introducing or enforcing the new policy which I believe is unrealistic and unpracticable.

Yours sincerely

Martin Brotherton Spurrier

cc. Mr. Nick Etches
Ms. Christine Loh, Legislative Councillor