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Ms. Doris Chan Clerk to Bills Committee Legislative Council Building 8 Jackson Road, Central Hong Kong

Dear Ms. Chan,

Re: Bills Committee on Interest on Arrears of Maintenance Bill 2001 Meeting on 23 September 2002

I refer to the Chairman's invitation for representatives of the Family Law Committee to attend the Bills Committee meeting on 23 September 2002 at 10:45 a.m.

The Law Society will be represented by the following :-

1.Mr. Robin Egerton ()2.Mr. Anthony Hung ()3.Mr. Dennis Ho ()

The Committee queries the usefulness of the provisions, as the introduction of discretion to impose interest on arrears will not act as a deterrent. The proposals do not address the main concern which appears to be effective enforcement of orders.

Yours sincerely,

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