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Dear Mr. Fung,

**Proposed Amendments to Schedule 2 of the Social Workers
Registration Ordinance as proposed
in the Prevention of Child Pornography Bill**

I am authorised by the Social Workers Registration Board (“the Board”) to forward to the relevant Bills Committee of the Legislative Council the opinions gathered from registered social workers (“RSWs”) on the proposed amendments to Schedule 2 of the Social Workers Registration Ordinance as proposed in the Prevention of Child Pornography Bill.

Under the Prevention of Child Pornography Bill, it is proposed that the following two new offences would be added to Schedule 2 of the Social Workers Registration Ordinance:

- (i) the offence of using, procuring or offering a person under the age of 18 for making pornography or for live pornography performance; and
- (ii) the offence of making arrangements for any person to commit any offence specified in Schedule 2 of the Crimes Ordinance against a person under the age of 16.

In May 2002, the Board conducted an opinion survey to gather the views of RSWs on the above proposals. Questionnaires were sent to all the RSWs (10,119 as at 16 May 2002) and 507 returns were received by the deadline of 3 June 2002. Of the 507 returns, 470 RSWs (92%) supported the proposal to include the new offences to Schedule 2 of the Social Workers Registration Ordinance.

I should be grateful if you could relay the above to the relevant Bills Committee so that Legislative Council Members can take into account the same in their deliberations.

Yours sincerely,

Thomas Leung
Registrar,
Social Worker Resignation Board