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Miss Polly Yeung Clerk to Bills Committee on Broadcasting (Amendment) Bill 2003 Legislative Council

Dear Miss Yeung,

Broadcasting (Amendment) Bill 2003

We understand that the Bills Committee is deliberating on the Broadcasting (Amendment) Bill 2003 ("Bill").

We would like to reiterate our view, which we had submitted to the Legislative Council jointly with other television broadcasters on May 15, 2003, that the Bill is inadequate to deter pay TV piracy activities both at domestic and commercial levels. We submit that criminal sanction should be imposed on both commercial and domestic end-users who knowingly and intentionally receive pay TV services without payment of a subscription fee to the pay TV operators.

We fully concur with the arguments and reasoning put forward by Hong Kong Cable Television Limited in relation to the Bill.

We trust that the Bills Committee will consider the TV industry views seriously and introduce amendments to eliminate the loopholes in the Bill.

Yours sincerely,

Stephen Chan