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Subject Cancelling the maids' levy

Dear councilors of the committee on the ER Levy,

Sorry that I was unable to email you yesterday. Hope you still take this email into account even though it is one day late.

I request that you still put forward the motion on 26 Nov to abolish the so-called ER Levy. Imposing this levy on employers of foreign domestic maids is wrong and unfair. I suspect there is a breach of the basic law because there is no such levy before 1997. Those who got this policy passed are most inconsiderate and selfish. Most people who employ a full time are out of necessity such as people who need to go out to work but have small kids to look after. No retrained local maid can take over this job. There are many foreign maids who are employed to take care of old people whose children are either too busy to take care of them or are incapable of doing so. Why does the Government want to penalised these people and us who have no choice but to employ a foreign maid? Why does the government want to put extra burden on us while she can afford the money to retrain the local workers?

Thank you again councilors for fighting for us to abolish the levy. We will keep on fighting until it is abolished.

Mrs Yeung