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Chairman and Members
Legislative Council

c/o Clerk to Bills Committee on Motor Vehicle Idling (Fixed Penalty) Bill
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Re: Motor Vehicle Idling (Fixed Penalty) Bill

Honorable Chairman and members,

If no passenger is waiting, switch off your engine.

Designing Hong Kong Limited STRONGLY supports the ban on idling of motor vehicle engines in an attempt to improve the air quality in Hong Kong.

We consider the 3 minute grace period entirely unnecessary and undesirable. A statutory grace period will make enforcement of the Bill practically impossible. Enforcement matters should be left to the Police. A better indication of whether a taxi or mini bus queue is moving is the length of the passenger queue. If no one is waiting, switch off your engine.

Well tested technology is available to allow the air conditioner in a vehicle to run on battery power for a short period. Technology to retrofit existing vehicles is available at reasonable cost.

Yours sincerely,



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