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TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN

We are aware the government is discussing the introduction of the Competition Bill. On behalf of Hong Kong Medical and Healthcare Device Industries Association (HKMHDIA), I am writing to support the exemption of Hong Kong Trade Development Council (HKTDC) and other public organizations from the Competition Bill.

The Competition Bill is designed to address competition among profit-making companies in the private sector, and should not apply to the public sector. HKTDC is committed to helping Hong Kong SMEs to promote their businesses. With a mission to promote trade in a not-for-profit manner, HKTDC organizes a variety of trade fairs and promotional activities every year that are now critical platforms for Hong Kong companies to reach out to overseas buyers and explore business opportunities.

HKTDC and other public organizations are committed to serve local industries for a long time. If the Competition Law applies to HKTDC and other public organizations, it would impact the entire operations. The Competition Bill could also attract a lot of complaints, encourage litigation and require considerable administrative and accounting efforts in anticipation of legal challenges. As a result, it would harm the quality of the services provided by HKTDC and other public organizations to the local industries.

Yours sincerely,

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