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(By fax 2517 7278 and mail)

Dear Mr. Yau,

The government has previously declared its commitment to reducing the indiscriminate use of plastic shopping bags.

We are concerned by a recent press report quoting an anonymous "government source" as suggesting that the government might abandon the plan of extending the plastic bag levy to other retail outlets. According to the "source", if the first phase of the levy scheme proves to be successful, there might not be a need to require other outlets to collect the levy.

The Hong Kong Retail Management Association ("HKRMA") has never believed a limited scheme is effective in reducing overall plastic bag usage. If phase one of the scheme is effective, it provides a most compelling reason to extend the scheme, not halting it or retreating from it. If the government is genuine in its efforts to reduce what it sees as indiscriminate use of plastic bags, the logical response to a successful first phase should be enhanced efforts to follow through the policy.

However, any success claimed in the first phase must be examined in a broader perspective. The first phase covers only 4% of retail outlets in Hong Kong, and there are no measures in place to assess the effectiveness of the scheme. Indeed, the EPD still has not released the result of the survey conducted in June prior to the commencement of the scheme. We again request you to release the results now. The HKRMA trusts that the press report in question is a misrepresentation of the government's current views.

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We welcome your confirmation about current policy and look forward to further discussion regarding phase 2 of the scheme.

Yours sincerely,

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# 政府指小商戶或毋須實施膠袋稅

## 塑膠業批評計劃失敗

與平日膠袋的產量一般相差很大，產量的增減幅度不可直接比較；不織布袋的需求會隨着經濟表現的波動而有所變化，當局無法確定產量增加與徵費計劃的實施有關，不織布袋由於可以多次重用，亦不能根據產量而估計不織布袋將以用完即棄的方式棄置在堆填區內，產量亦不一定長期維持在有關水平。

市民常以超市膠袋作家居垃圾袋之用，香港塑膠袋業廠商會指出，超市膠袋徵費後，垃圾袋訂單增加三成，其他膠袋訂單亦大增。批評計劃是失敗，未能有效整體減少膠袋量。不過，環保署卻指這些說法資料並不詳盡，難以分析及討論。

「好像一對鞋以前用鞋盒包裝，現在改用兩個不織布袋裝兩隻鞋，售賣時又改用不織布袋，其實不織布袋所用的塑膠量，是一個透明膠袋的幾十倍。」至於整體塑膠量有何變化，他稱仍統計中，惟他直言膠袋徵費無助減少膠袋廢物，形容計劃是失敗，他亦反對繼續實施其後階段的徵費計劃。

環保署發言人表示，注意到塑膠行業早前提出的數據，但認為資料並不詳盡，難以進行分析討論。發言人逐點反駁，謂必須擴大至涵蓋餘下百分之九十六的零售商戶，才能有效地達到減廢目的，政府應趁此勢頭擴大計劃。

針對超級市場及便利店等的首階段膠袋徵費計劃，已實施了兩個月，兩間大型超市的膠袋用量大減近九成，政府初步認為計劃已得到市民廣泛支持。政府消息人士透露，若首階段效果理想，計劃的第二及第三階段便毋須立法，即不必需要向小商戶、小販及街市實施徵費。

### 零售會指徵費減購物意欲

代表公屋租戶的組織贊成不向小商戶街市實施膠袋徵費，不過兩大超市、零售管理協會卻認為應一視同仁全面實施，環保組織綠領行動更信議政府在今年底內提出第二及第三階段的具體方案。

### 環保團體指應擴大計劃

她又支持政府一視同仁，繼續實施第二及第三階段徵費，「協會一向反對膠袋徵費，但政府硬要推行便要全面，因市民及零售商都不太會混淆，若政府不想做，我們會徹底失望，立法會應該要由政府抗議。」

膠袋徵費於七月七日實施至今已兩個月，全港共有二千九百九十七間店舖參與計劃，環保署表示要在計劃實施三個月以後，才開始陸續取得各類數據，現階段未能提供膠袋減用數目及徵費的金額。

環保團體綠領行動總幹事何漢威亦表示，雖然與零售商的出發點不同，但該會同樣希望推動政府繼續擴大膠袋徵費計劃，建議規管所有售賣乾貨的店舖。



政府消息人士透露，若首階段膠袋徵費計劃效果理想，未必需要向小商戶、小販及街市實施徵費。圖為環境局副局長潘潔向老人派環保袋。(政府新聞處圖片)

不過，該三間公司都認為，政府應盡快開展其後階段的徵費計劃。百佳發言人表示，膠袋徵費現階段只適用於百分之四的零售商戶，徵費計劃必須需要立法規管其他店舖，但目前言之尚早。