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Dear Ms Mak,

**Product Eco-responsibility (Plastic Shopping Bags) Regulation**

Thank you for your letter of 18 September 2009 to the Secretary for the Environment concerning a recent press report citing an alleged “anonymous government source” on the future review of the environmental levy scheme for plastic shopping bags. We also thank you for another letter dated 30 September 2009 to the Secretary reiterating your Association’s position in respect of the levy scheme and its way forward.

As you know, it is our formal commitment made at the Legislative Council in 2008 that we will conduct a comprehensive review of the levy scheme one year after its implementation. We have no plan to depart from this commitment and will make preparations for the full year review when we have the first quarter data from the retail trade towards the end of this month. We do not intend to waste time and effort to dwell on media speculations. In any event, at the current stage, we will continue to ensure the smooth operation of the scheme and, to this end, we have engaged the trade and your Association in the Working Group on the Implementation of the Environmental Levy Scheme on Plastic Shopping Bags which has just recently held its first post-implementation meeting. We also wish to assure you that we would continue dialogue with the trade and other relevant stakeholders and take into account all relevant factors in the review.

Thank you again for bringing up your concerns. We cherish your partnership in implementing the levy scheme and welcome your views on this meaningful cause.

Yours sincerely,

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