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The Honourable Mr Tam Yiu-chung, GBS, JP
Chairman
Bills Committee on Legislative Council (Amendment) Bill 2011
Room 617, Legislative Council Complex
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Dear Chairman,

Legislative Council (Amendment) Bill 2011

On 20 January 2012, the Government published the Consultation Report on Arrangements for Filling Vacancies in the Legislative Council under which a latest proposal has been put forth after considering the views of the public received during the public consultation period. The latest proposal, i.e. a Member who has resigned from office would be prohibited from standing in any by-elections in the same Legislative Council term within six months of his resignation, was discussed at the special meeting of the Panel on Constitutional Affairs on 31 January 2012.

In light of the latest development, we intend to introduce a new Bill to implement the latest proposal. At the same time, the Legislative Council (Amendment) Bill 2011 will not be further pursued and will be withdrawn. The Government will in due course inform the House Committee our intention to resume the Second Reading debate on the aforesaid bill for the purpose of withdrawing it.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank you and other Members of the Bills Committee on Legislative Council (Amendment) Bill 2011 for the examination of the Bill after it was introduced into the Legislative Council in June 2011.

Yours Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'Raymond Tam', written in a cursive style.

(Raymond Tam)

Secretary for Constitutional and Mainland Affairs

c.c. The Hon Miriam LAU Kin-ye, GBS, JP
Chairman, House Committee