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The Hon K P Chan Chairman Bills Committee on Mandatory Provident Fund Schemes (Amendment) Bill 2014

Dear K P

Mandatory Provident Fund Schemes (Amendment) Bill 2014

Thank you for inviting the Hong Kong Federation of Insurers (HKFI) to provide comments on the captioned Bill. We would like to share our observations below.

We propose adding one specific suggestion which was made earlier but is apparently missing in the current version of the Bill.

In paragraph A(i)(4) under the sub-hearing of "Allowing phased withdrawal of accrued benefits" of the Legislative Council Brief, there is no clear indication as to whether a minimum amount of withdrawal of accrued benefits is set for each withdrawal. It will bring tremendous administrative burden to the schemes if every single withdrawal in small amount is allowed. In this regard, we propose that a minimum of HK\$5,000 is set for every single withdrawal of accrued benefits from each of the schemes.

Should you require any clarification, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely

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