

Hon. IP Kwok-him, GBS, JP

Chairman, Bills Committee on Marriage (Amendment) Bill 2014

Room 619, Legislative Council Complex,

1 Legislative Council Road, Central, Hong Kong

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Dear Chairman,

Objection to the W v Registrar of Marriage The Court of Final Appeal's judgement on the case of W v Registrar of Marriages (FACV 4/2012)

I am writing as a very concerned citizen regarding the proposed legislature of Marriage (Amendment) Bill 2014.

I am a man, born in Hong Kong in 1978. My father (a natural born man) and my mother (a natural born woman) provided me with great care, relationships, support, and education. I am married and have two young daughters. I am seriously distressed by the negative implication and impact of the proposed legislature on our society to our future generations.

I strongly support the current definition of marriage of a man (a natural born man) and a woman (a natural born woman). If the government thinks that this form of marriage is in the best interest of most Hong Kong citizens, the government needs to be prudent in how to define marriage. I do not see any need to pass legislations to give a transgender person the legal right to be married. I also do not see other definitions of marriage, such as the one suggested by Dr. York Y.N. Chow Chairperson, of Equal Opportunities Commission in ““Things We Do, People We Meet - Reflections in Brief” A denial of dignity” in South China Morning Post on 28 March 2014, which mentioned that transgender people who did not have full gender reassignment surgery to be able to marry in his or her affirmed gender. If a transgender person married and adopted children, this will significantly change people’s understanding of the much treasured marriage and current family structure.

Because marriage definition is such a serious matter, I would suggest that we need a much longer public consultation period to get the opinions of the Hong Kong population.

I am greatly saddened by the decision in the case of W v Registrar of Marriages and request that, for the sake of the future generations of Hong Kong children, the Bills Committee on Marriage (Amendment) Bill 2014 seriously consider my view and stand firm on the current definition of marriage as between a natural born man and a natural born woman.

Yours faithfully,

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