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Clerk to Panel on Health Services
 Legislative Council Secretariat
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Dear Officer,

Legislative Proposals to Strengthen Tobacco Control

As Family Physicians, we provide holistic and continuous care for our patients and their families. One of the college's responsibilities is to provide education to the public and raise the public awareness on the health care related issues.

The top-five leading causes of death in Hong Kong are all caused by smoking. Tobacco control is therefore of utmost importance. It is the most preventable cause of death today.

The Hong Kong College of Family Physicians fully supports the strengthening of measures for tobacco control proposed by the Panel on Health Services at its meeting on 18 May 2015.

Increasing the size of health warnings on tobacco products, smoking ban at bus interchange at tunnels portal areas and ban on e-cigarettes are appropriate measures to curb the tobacco epidemic and further protect the public from the hazards of smoking.

Yours sincerely,

Dr Angus MW CHAN
 President