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Subject: Object ion

> Dear LegCo Health Panel,
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> I'm writing to express my objection to the Hong Kong 85%
graphic health warning proposal as a French citizen that lived in
HK.
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> First of all, I have strong hesitation of the effectiveness of
the proposal. As a social smoker who come from France where has
plain packaging for cigarettes, there's no evidence showing
there's a correlation between larger warning/plain packs and my
willingness to smoke. France and HK are highly educated places
where people are aware of the consequences of smoking, I believe
adults have their own choices based on education instead of the
design of cigarette packs.
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> Secondly, even though the legal cigarettes are already plain
packed in France and the U.K. People are still smoking cigarettes
packs from other other European countries, I always wonder if
they are tax paid or not and assume it should be easier to fake
the products while all packs look the same. Same concept could
apply to Hong Kong when there's a large health warning label and
the criminals can just easier fake the products.
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> Thirdly, there's a need for me and other consumers to
differtiate the brands on packs, not only cigarettes but for any
other consumer products. This is the basic information that all
consumer should have the rights to access.
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> Hong Kong is liberal international city that is with
transparent information for people and consumers. I do hope to
share my thoughts and support the government to work on a smoke
free future. If tobacco control policies are too decrease the
smoking prevalence, I believe putting on more education to the
youth and elimating smoking areas are the key.
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> Regards,
> Jean Pittion
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> Sent from my iPhone