

From: MAK KWOK-FUNG MICHAEL [REDACTED]
To: "panel_hs@legco.gov.hk" <panel_hs@legco.gov.hk>
Cc: "enq@cosh.org.hk" <enq@cosh.org.hk>, "sophia_chan@fhb.gov.hk" <sophia_chan@fhb.gov.hk>

Date: Friday, March 17, 2017 06:56PM
Subject: Cigarette Packet Health Warnings

LC Paper No. CB(2)1028/16-17(02)

Dear Honourable Members of the Legislative Council of the HKSAR,

I write to urge you to support the immediate enactment of enlarging the size of pictorial health warnings to, at least, 85% of the two largest surfaces of a cigarette packet, increasing the number of forms of health warning from six to twelve, and adding the quitline 1833 183. The measures will help (1) reduce the attractiveness of tobacco (2) deter non-smokers, especially, youngsters, from trying to take active smoking the first time (3) motivate more smokers to quit smoking.

As LegCo members elected by either the geographical constituency or functional constituency, your electors will support your upholding the health of the public without hesitation. Lobbying & influence by the tobacco industry, understandably having vested interest, should be given the least attention when public health is concerned. Smoking takes away lives earlier than normal life expectancy, not to mention wasting our precious public health-care resources in treating smoking-related illnesses. It is also undebatable that passive smoking does similar harm to human being.

I understand that a panel meeting will be held on 20 March 217 to further discuss the subject, I earnestly request for the Chairman of the Health Panel to lead the members to show support to the enactment by the government without delay, or else, the members of the panel should urge the Chairman to affirm the importance of public health over the interest of the tobacco industry for the government to enact it at a date to be announced by the government.

Thank you very much for your attention to this serious health matter!

Yours sincerely,
MAK KWOK-FUNG MICHAEL
ex-LegCo Member, Health Services Constituency