



Written submission regarding legislation on the National Anthem Law
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Dear Sir / Madam

As a registered voter in the New Territories (West) constituency, I am writing to implore the Panel on Constitutional Affairs to advise postponing local legislation on the National Anthem Law.

In recent years there has not been social consensus on the security of Hong Kong citizen's constitutional rights and how they are to be realised under Beijing's rule. This was the case on 31 August 2014 when the People's Congress handed down an interpretation of the Basic Law that was significantly more regressive than any proposal from across the Hong Kong political spectrum, and recent developments such as taking away limitation on the terms of power of the President, and locally regarding the disqualification of legislators based on legal technicalities, have further unsettled the atmosphere in Hong Kong.

We are living in a fractured, tense society, and legislating on the National Anthem Law now is bound to add fuel to the ticking time bomb. The implications are felt far beyond the hallowed halls of power but are affecting morale in workplaces, families, and individual sense of hope and trust in the future of Hong Kong. From my perspective as an ordinary citizen, any perceived push to legislate on a sensitive issue such as the National Anthem Law would be deeply unwise and further tear apart our social fabric.

I therefore implore the Panel and Legco to defer the local legislation on the National Anthem Law.

Yours sincerely

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