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Dear Chairman of Committee,

I am Mohammad Kamran is the chairman of Rapport Action Community Development (RACD). As a Chairman of RACD, I would like to share the following points to the committee.

- Due to this development, many Ethnic Minorities people can travel to different cities of china in a convenient way; they do need to worry much about the security or using different transportation modes, they can simply take the Express Railway.
- Passengers can take the high-speed train directly to different cities on the mainland after clearing immigration and customs at West Kowloon. This can save time and provides maximum convenience to passengers; it will surely be very convenient for those EMs who needs to visit Mainland China on regular basis;
- This will also save time for passengers as the joint checkpoint (1 place, 2 checking) arrangement will be exercised, Mainland officers will only exercise their jurisdiction within the framework based on the law restrictions, avoiding the issue of cross-border law enforcement by mainland authorities.
- Due to this development, there will be many benefits such as economic benefits, social benefits and most importantly it will create many job opportunities for Hong Kong people, will also bring environment friendly for Hong Kong, benefiting laborers of different industries, education and skills.
- The direct benefits mainly include the cost savings due to time savings of passengers, the cost savings in the operation of other public transport modes and the cost savings due to reduction in traffic accidents.

To sum up, the Hong Kong Section of the XRL can shorten the distances between Hong Kong and Mainland cities in a more environ mentally friendly way, thereby fostering closer societal exchanges and strengthening economic ties between Hong Kong and the Mainland, extending Hong Kong's reach into the Mainland hinterland, and enabling collaboration and development of various trades and industries of both sides, thereby strengthening Hong Kong's strategic status as a transport hub in the region.

Yours faithfully,

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