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Clerk to Bills Committee
Legislative Council Secretariat
Legislative Council Complex
1 Legislative Council Road
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Dear Madam,
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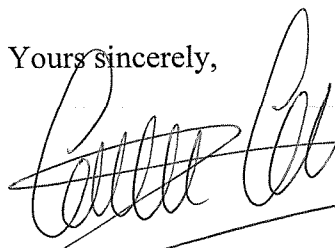
I am writing under your invitation for submissions published with respect to the Waste Disposal (Charging for Municipal Solid Waste) (Amendment) Ordinance 2018.

The European Union strongly believes in a circular economy, as a way to "close the loop" of product lifecycle through greater recycling and re-use, bringing benefits for both the environment and the economy. Sound waste management is an essential first step towards a circular economy. It moreover has significant positive impacts by reducing the pressure on landfill, creating new job opportunities, opening new job markets, generating raw materials for industries and collecting funds for additional environment friendly initiatives.

The EU has always supported and encouraged Hong Kong's efforts towards a more sustainable society and economy. European companies are already present in Hong Kong contributing their know-how in the field of waste management.

Initiatives that aim to reduce waste and increase recycling are commendable for their positive impact on the environment and because they open business opportunities. It is my hope that such initiatives will pave the way for more sustainable development in Hong Kong.

Yours sincerely,



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