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Bills Committee on Smoking (Public Health) (Amendment) Bill 2019  
Meeting on 13 April 2019

Dear Sir,

As a mother of two, I'm concerned of my children's wellbeing as any other parents as you can imagine. While I'm not a smoker and appreciate the current law to protect our children from smoking which we all know is harmful, I've learned that heat-not-burn product e.g. IQOS is a better alternative to smoker if they chose not to quit smoking. The biggest benefit from my perspective is more towards the environment, IQOS produces aerosol instead of smoke, therefore 2<sup>nd</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> hand smoke are largely reduced. Majority of people in Hong Kong, smoker or non-smoker, children or adults are suffering from nose allergy or respiratory related health issues due to air quality. I'm hoping the HK government will regulate the heat not burn product to provide a better alternative to smokers who chose not to quit. Banning e-cigarettes, heat not burn and related products will not help but rather push the consumers to buy illicit products which will create more issues than solving it. Regulations is proven more practical and feasible, the 10% low smoking incidence in Hong Kong is the result of proper regulations and law enforcement over the past few decades. Why don't we apply the same to heat not burn products to give consumers a better choice, a choice for themselves as well as people surround them!

Yours sincerely,

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