

Dear Chairman,

Bills Committee on Smoking (Public Health) (Amendment) Bill 2019

I do not smoke and I know how harmful smoking is to our society. However, it is important that we recognize that there is new technology that has allowed a less harmful alternative to replace cigarettes in Hong Kong. Providing that Hong Kong positions itself as a hub of innovations in Asia, it is a pity that our government has contradicted this direction by completely banning an innovative option instead of regulating it. This proposal not only disregarded the years of efforts scientists and researchers have put into developing a better alternative, it has also hindered the motivation for further studies of harm reduction on all fronts in the future.

Thank you for your attention.

Best regards,

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