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Clerk to Bills Committee on Smoking (Public Health) (Amendment) Bill 2019  
Legislative Council Secretariat  
Legislative Council Complex  
1 Legislative Council Road  
Central, Hong Kong

To: Chairman Kwok:

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

We are writing on behalf of my colleagues from Nextwave Yachting Limited. We have noticed the recent announcement by the Government to ban e-cigarettes and heated tobacco products. We are writing to express our view that these products should be regulated and allowed to be sold in Hong Kong instead of complete ban.

We have some staff members in our organization who used to smoke conventional cigarettes before but then switched to Heat Not Burn Products. The products were also a relief for the people working with them as there is no second hand smoking as well as bad smell. We have also seen that these Heat Not Burn products have less harmful impact to smokers and their surroundings and more importantly they have less harmful impact to the many non-smokers around them.

As reported in other advanced countries like United Kingdom, we believe these alternative tobacco products can help address the smoking problems in Hong Kong. It will be easier for us to create a more friendly and comfortable working environment for both smoking and non-smoking employees if these alternative tobacco products are allowed in Hong Kong.

We believe that proper regulation on Heat Not Burn products (like what is done for conventional cigarettes) coupled with education will still help to maintain a low smoking incidence as well as prohibit people under 18 years to get access to it.

Hong Kong has positioned itself to become Asia's world city, and we need to explore and welcome new regulated approach to solve old problems. Instead of banning Heat Not Burn products, they should be regulated and allowed to be sold in Hong Kong to the benefits for both smokers and non-smokers.

We would like the Bills Committee members to express our views and opinion as indicated in this letter submission to the Hong Kong Government.

Thank you for your kind attention.

Yours Sincerely,

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