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Clerk to Bills Committee on Smoking (Public Health) (Amendment) Bill 2019
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To: Chairman Kwok:

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

I have noticed the recent announcement by the Government to ban e-cigarettes and heated tobacco products. I would like to express our view that these products should be regulated and allowed to be sold in Hong Kong instead of complete ban.

Many of my friends and colleague who used to smoke cigarettes before have switched to Heat Not Burn Products. The products were also a relief for the people working with them as there is no disturbance of second hand smoking and bad smell. I see that these Heat Not Burn products are less harmful to smokers, their surroundings and non-smokers around them.

I 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.

As cited by Chief Executive Mrs. Carrie we need to explore new approach to solve old problems nowadays. Instead of banning Heat Not Burn products, they should be regulated and allowed to be sold in Hong Kong rather than banning.

Thank you for your kind attention.

Yours Sincerely,

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