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Dear Mr. Kwok Wai Keung (Chairman)

**Re: Bills Committee: Regulate Alternative Tobacco Products Instead of Ban**

**Urging for a Proper Public Consultation**

Our company, has around 20 staffs delivering a total printing solution, with over 30 years' experience in using advanced digital printing equipment to deliver high-quality services and prompt responses to any tailored need from companies/individuals. Recently, we noted that the Hong Kong Government has proposed banning on e-cigarettes and IQOS products. This raised our concern and hope to write and express our views to the administration on reconsidering the act by regulating the products instead of fully banning the products.

There is an increase number of staffs using IQOS or e-cigarettes, and we noticed that not only did the smokers in took less harmful chemicals, but also the working environment became friendlier with no ashes and less smell. As a company manager, I am less worried regarding fire ignite especially to the digital printing equipment as IQOS is a heating tobacco instead of a burning tobacco product. It definitely creates a safer working environment for our staffs to work in. Besides, staffs who are non-smokers also shared that the coordination were better among colleagues as they weren't worry on inhaling any second handed cigarettes. By banning these products ultimately frustrated us about not being able to obtain the products through proper channels in Hong Kong, and will lead to some illicit trade within.

We noticed that these products are available in other neighboring countries, and it showed that the numbers of youth smokers did not further increase. Therefore, we believe by regulating these types of products in the right way will provide a better alternative solutions to the smokers if they cannot quit.

We hope and urge that the Hong Kong Government will regulate these products and allow it to be accessible in Hong Kong than a full ban.

Thank you for your kind attention.

Sincerely,

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