

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

Dear Mr. Kwok,

Re: Bills Committee: Please regulate alternative tobacco products but not banning it and provide us with a proper public consultation

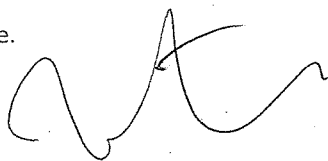
I would like to talk about the recent proposed ban on alternative tobacco products such as heat not burn products by HK Government, it was such a disappointment to me and I guess to lots of citizens in HK. I would like to use this opportunity to urge HK Government to regulate alternative tobacco products instead of banning it. Please provide us with a public consultation and hear our voices.

When I was not an adult yet, I was educated anyone under 18 would never be able to access to any tobacco products and I didn't attempt to buy or smoke too. After I have grown up and after 18, it turns to my choice that whether I want to smoke or not and also which type of products that I would like to use. To be honest, I know smoking is bad and I have tried to quit smoking for many times but I just couldn't do so. During the period of smoking conventional cigarettes, my family complained a lot about the smell, I coughed a lot and with yellow teeth. Luckily, my friend introduced a new product to me -IQOS, it is heating the tobacco stick but not burning it. From my own experience, the people around me will no longer need to tolerate my second-hand smoke, IQOS has less smell and no smoke at all. It improves the lives of a smoker who can't quit smoking like me and all the people around me.

I really hope that you can spend more time and efforts to understand what HK citizens and smokers want, please think deeper and consider my voice. It is unacceptable and non-sense to just ban all the new alternative products. Please think more about me as a smoker who really can't quit smoking. I really want to improve my lives and by regulating IQOS or related products is the only solution to my problem. Please take a neutral way out and regulate the products and I hope that the Government will listen to my voice.

Thank you for your time.

Yours sincerely,
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