

Bills Committee on Smoking, Public Health-Amendment Bill 2019
Legislative Council Secretariat
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1 Legislative Council Road
Central, HKSAR

Dear Chairman,

**Re: Please Regulate Alternative Tobacco Products – Bills Committee on Smoking (Public Health)
- Amendment Bill 2019**

I am writing this letter to express my view regarding the government proposed ban on alternative tobacco product and e-cigarettes. As a smoker, I disagree with this complete band on Heat not Burn products. Regulation is a fair approach than the authoritarian ban.

As a smoker for almost 6 years, I fully understand the risk of smoking. 2 years ago, I first got to know about the heat not burn products. I often struggled as a female, managing the need to smoke with the negative effects on my proximity to my colleagues, friends and family. I am sure you are clear that smokers will get the stench of the burning cigarette on their body and I tried to rid of all these issues by spraying perfume and washing hands constantly after a session. But with the Heat not Burn products, I no longer needed to fear this from happening. In the future I hope to become a mother of a child. I tend to worry about the baby's health as well when the smell on my body can cause him/her to reject me being next to them.

In all countries around the world, I see more heat not burn products being available such as Korea, Japan and UK why does Hong Kong not? I believe Hong Kong is civilized and developed city as well. Hong Kong is a place with freedom of choice and we should be able to purchase the product.

Please hold a public consultation to address this matter as a blanket ban is not the answer. Consumers will only buy these products on the black market.

Thank you for your kind attention.

Best Regards
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