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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

Dear Mr. Chairman,

## Bills Committee on Smoking (Public Health) (Amendment) Bill 2019

I am writing to the Bills Committee as to express my concern towards Hong Kong's proposal to e ban of heat not burn products. I believe these products should be properly regulated and allowed in Hong Kong!!

I am a Father of 2 kids and have been a smoker for many years. I do not expect myself to quit because it's just too difficult for me. I saw many of my friend switching to using heat not burn products and see the positive impact to their families around them.

So I did some research related to this product. With all the foreign government reports and many countries such as UK, Japan and Canada supporting and regulating these alternative tobacco products, I do believe Heat not Burn products are less harmful than traditional cigarettes. Also, according to the UK government, these alternative tobacco products are proven to be an effective tool to quit smoking and they suggest their doctors to use them for smoking cessation.

Since then, I have switched to using Heat not Burn Products. My family and friends noticed there is less second-hand and third-hand smoke to my kids and my nearby non-smoker friends. They are much happier that I have switched to heat not burn products.

Why does the Hong Kong Government want to take this away from us and make us go back to traditional cigarettes? This means that my kids & family and friends will be exposed to second-hand and third-hand smoke again!

Hong Kong as an international city. The smokers should be given the freedom of choice to choose product they want to use for themselves.

I want my voices to be heard, so now I am asking for a proper public consultation to share my views to the government officials.

As such, I would like the Heat not Burn Products to be regulated, not ban in Hong Kong.

Yours sincerely,

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