

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

Re: Bills Committee: Regulate Alternative Tobacco Products Instead of Ban Urging for a Proper Public Consultation

Dear Kwok Wai Keung,

The recent ban has seriously affected current tobacco users, affecting not only their health but also non-smokers. I would like to ask the Government to openly consider the needs of Hong Kong smokers by regulating the kinds of alternative heat not burn products. I have switched from traditional cigarettes to this alternative heat not burn products. These products have greatly improved my quality of live and also the people around me.

I have been working in a bar for a few years now, I noticed that my customers and employees have become more and more aware of the use of new tobacco products in the past few years and have switched to these kind of products. I can see the potential positive effects of these products and can improve the lives of smokers and even non-smokers nearby. These alternative tobacco products clearly have less lingering odors and do not disturb the people around us, especially for the indoor bar area.

The government has not yet conducted public consultation before proposing a bill prohibiting these products. It seems logical to accept and review public comments on the topic and to assess the pros and cons of the product for public health. Since you are a member of the Legislative Council of the Bills Committee, I ask you to support neutral and balanced methods to protect public health. In addition, I hope that the government can conduct public consultation to ensure that all voices and opinions are heard.

I really hope that the government can hear my voice and regulate this alternative heat not burn products and make them available in the Hong Kong market, thank you so much for your attention.

Sincerely,



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