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Mr. The Honorable Tommy Cheung
Legislative Councilor of HKSAR
Chairman,
Joint Subcommittee on Issues Relating to the
Regulation of Devices and Development of Beauty Industry
Legislative Council of HKSAR

Dear Mr. Cheung,

Re: Issues Relating to the Regulation of Devices and Development of Beauty Industry

Our Society welcomes the Government to introduce measures to regulate medical devices. We believe such regulation is long overdue given the fact that most developed countries already have such regulation to protect public interest.

We do not believe it is appropriate or even practical to differentiate cosmetic from medical devices. It is worthwhile for us to point out that most of the devices used for so called “cosmetic purpose” have been initially developed by dermatologists for medical uses. For example, laser was first developed to treat birthmark and surgical or burn scar. Laser for hair removal can also be used to treat birthmark. The degree of overlap is so great that it will be impractical to make such kind of differentiation. It will create a lot of confusion undermining public interest.

We understand that a consensus upon user control cannot be reached at the present moment. However, we do wish to stress that for the interest of public safety, user control should be an integral part of the proposal. This issue should certainly be included in the ordinance in the nearest future.

We would like our opinions to be shared to the public.

Yours sincerely,

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Chairman,
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