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The Honourable Tommy CHEUNG Yu-yan, GBS, JP,
Chairman,
Joint Subcommittee on Issues Relating to the Regulation of
Devices and Development of Beauty Industry,
Legislative Council of HKSAR.

Dear Mr. CHEUNG,

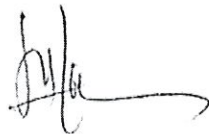
Re: Development, Regulation and Support of the Beauty Industry

Our College welcomes the Government to introduce measures to regulate medical devices and we believe that such regulation is long overdue given the fact that most developed countries already have such statutes to protect public interest. We do not think that 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" were initially developed by dermatologists for medical uses. For example, laser was first developed to treat birthmarks and surgical/burn scars. Laser for hair removal can also be used to treat birthmarks. The degree of overlap is so great that it will not be practicable to make such kinds of differentiation. It will create a lot of confusion undermining the public interest.

We understand that user control has been proposed to be dropped and we do wish to stress that this should be an important part of the proposal and should certainly be included in the ordinance now or in future.

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

Yours sincerely,



Dr. Sze-kee Leung
President
Hong Kong College of Dermatologists