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Dear Honorable Legislative committee members:

I'm writing to support the urgent passing of the Municipal Solid Waste Scheme.

I am concerned about the future of our next generation. I am an open water swimmer and scuba-diver . The Hong Kong oceans and beaches are embarrassingly dirty especially after Typhoon Mangkut. I will be swimming into a plastic bag or Styrofoam lunch box and lying on the beach next to a discarded plastic bottle washed up from the ocean. I am disappointed that all the remnants from the Typhoon have been insensibly thrown back into the ocean which is killing the fishes and living organisms. I definitely will not want to see dead corals amidst Styrofoam debris on my next scuba-diving trip in SaiKung.

Hong Kong needs a cleaner and more sanitary environment supported by a well thought out public policy. Effective waste schemes have been implemented in Taiwan and Korea and proved successful in reducing waste by 30%. In contrast, Hong Kong waste has been growing at 15% annually with all of it mostly going into landfills (and some trickling into our oceans and streets). Our landfills are finite and we need a system in place to encourage waste reduction and separation of recyclables. I don't want to see our future generation suffering from an insanitary environment on top of air pollution and global warming.

I sincerely hope this bill can be passed quickly to save our world.

Yours sincerely,

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