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Dear Honorable Legco Environment Panel:

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

Hong Kong needs to focus on a cleaner and sanitary environment. When I walk the streets of Hong Kong, I notice more and more discarded lunch boxes (which attracts rats), plastic bottles and plastic bags on the ground. The current fines don't seem to deter people from littering. Also waste is growing at 15% annually with all of it either going to landfills or the ocean surrounding us.

Typhoon Mangkut regurgitated hundreds of thousands of plastic bottles and styrofoam which surrounded Hong Kong last month. This example proves our garbage is seeping into our oceans which is already unhealthy. Today 60% of the local fish have plastic in their stomachs already. Imagine what 5-10 years will look like.

We need an effective policy that will drive behavioral change and encourage reduction of waste and separation of food and recyclables. It's not a perfect scheme but it will be a good deterrent as we need to have regulation to control our waste. If Hong Kong's landfills will be at full-capacity within 8 years time, how will our next generation deal with the huge amounts of waste if there is no mechanism for reduction.

Please consider the future of our next generation. They shouldn't have to clean up after our indulgences. We do not inherit the earth from our ancestors, we borrow it from our children. I implore your support to pass this bill.

Best regards,

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