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Dear Honorable Legislative committee members,

I'm writing to express my support for the quick passing of the municipal solid waste scheme.

I believe this will drive behavioral change that encourages waste reduction and proper sorting of recyclables for higher quality recycling; and very likely increase awareness among Hong Kong people in environmental conservation. The waste problem is not only a Hong Kong issue; but a global crisis that we, as humans, all have to help fight against. There are already numerous studies on how micro plastics that we produce are ending up in the fish and salt we consume. The numerous deaths of birds and marine animals caused by man-made plastic are also well publicized and documented. Our landfills are filling up at a mind-boggling pace. We urgently need an effective waste management system in place.

In addition, I strongly believe producers have to play a part as well, the best scenario would be to learn from Norway who imposes an environmental tax on plastic bottles producers; with a reduction scheme of this tax: the more companies recycle their bottles, the more that tax is reduced (<https://www.theguardian.com/environment/2018/jul/12/can-norway-help-us-solve-the-plastic-crisis-one-bottle-at-a-time> ). If not possible at least force companies to use plastics that are easy to recycle; and put on proper labeling of the plastic number for efficient and correct sorting,

I sincerely hope this much needed bill of municipal solid waste scheme can be passed quickly. Thank you.

Sincerely,  
Tsi Wan Pan, and the family of Pan