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Subject:

Dear Honorable Legislative Council members:

I'm writing to express my support for the municipal solid waste scheme but I would like the Hong Kong government to promote the use of reverse vending machines to separate waste including plastic bottles at source. I have come across reverse vending machines which have smart elements in the sense that merits or points are recorded for the bottles recycled through an App.

Hong Kong needs a 21st century waste management policy to control the growing amount of waste which has consequences on the environment. The waste scheme isn't perfect but it has been implemented in Taiwan and Korea and was successful in reducing waste by 30%.

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. The coupling of reverse vending machines with the municipal waste management scheme is what Hong Kong needs for a workable solution to our waste problems.

I sincerely hope this bill can be passed quickly and reverse vending machines be deployed to promote the sense of self motivated recycling.

Thank you for your attention.

Kind regards

WM Kan