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To Whom It May Concern:

Please see my written submission for the Special Meeting for the Pilot Accredited Registers Scheme for Healthcare Professions:

I am asking for help to maintain a vital service to international and English-speaking citizens living and working in Hong Kong. My organisation provides psychotherapeutic treatment to the many international families, who either sojourn or live long term in Hong Kong. Current proposals from the Hong Kong Food and Health Bureau, if enacted without significant changes, will potentially disable those of us who practice psychology and deny critical services to the clients we serve.

According to the proposed Registration Criteria, clinical psychologists trained in other parts of the world will most likely be unable to meet criteria for registry in the Accredited Register for Clinical Psychologists. For example, I hold a BSc (Hons) from the University of Western Australia. I have a master's and a doctorate in clinical psychology from the United States. While the proposal is supposed to be inclusive and supposedly allows for automatic registration to clinical psychologists from Australia, the United Kingdom, and the United States, I would not meet criteria for the proposed Accredited Register of Clinical Psychologists.

I recently began supporting a family whose father has been diagnosed with terminal cancer. As one of very few English speaking psychologists who provides family therapy in clients' homes in Hong Kong, I feel I am providing a vital and specified service to this family. I feel it would truly be a disservice to this international hub that we all call home that families like these would be unable to continue to access vital support of this nature.

Warm regards,

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