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《2020 年入境(修訂)條例草案》委員會

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葛珮帆議員 BBS JP 大鑒：

有關《2020 年入境（修訂）條例草案》公聽會

繼 2021 年 1 月 19 日來信後，是次本會再次致函促請《2020 年入境(修訂)條例草案》委員會（「委員會」）召開公聽會，讓公眾人士參與及申述意見。

我們感謝委員會容許公眾以書面形式提供意見。然而，我們強調書面形式未必是讓公眾與委員會和政府交流意見的最佳方式。我們特別希望難民、尋求庇護者及曾被入境羈留的人士能夠直接與委員會分享他們申請免遣返聲請及在入境羈留中心羈留的親身經歷。

閣下於 2021 年 1 月 20 日的委員會會議上提到，鑒於 2019 新型冠狀病毒疫情嚴重，委員會不適宜舉行公聽會。然而，我們知悉立法會已於 2021 年 1 月 13 日通過議案，容許會議以視像會議形式舉行。若公聽會亦循視像會議形式舉行，相信可釋除公共衛生方面的疑慮。

正如立法會於《2021 年 1 月 8 日內務委員會會議文件：採用視像會議平台舉行事務委員會、法案委員會及小組委員會的正式會議》（立法會文件編號 CROP 18 / 20-21）中所提到，立法會秘書處須考慮公眾人士可如何參與或旁聽以虛擬形式舉行的會議（於第 12 段）。我們相信如委員會透過視像會議舉辦公聽會，這將為立法會樹立榜樣。

在此感謝閣下撥冗聽取 本會意見。 此致 敬候佳音。

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2021 年 1 月 25 日

副本抄送：保安局首席助理秘書長 張浩智先生

25 January 2021

Hon Elizabeth Quat BBS JP
The Chairperson
Bills Committee on Immigration (Amendment) Bill 2020
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Dear Legislator Quat,

Re: Public hearing on the Immigration (Amendment) Bill 2020

Further to our letter on 19 January 2021, we are writing to urge the Bills Committee on Immigration (Amendment) Bill 2020 (“the Bills Committee”) to convene a public hearing for members of the public to make oral representations.

Whilst we appreciate the opportunity to provide written submissions to the Bills Committee, we stress that written submissions may not be the most effective means for the public to exchange views with the Bills Committee and the Administration. We specifically have in mind members of the refugee and asylum seeker community, as well as former immigration detainees, who wish to share their lived experiences of going through the non-refoulement process and/or being detained at immigration detention centres with the Bills Committee directly.

You mentioned at the meeting of the Bills Committee on 20 January 2021 that public hearings should not be convened due to Covid-19. We note the Legislative Council has in fact passed a motion on 13 January 2021 to enable meetings to be held remotely by videoconferencing. Thus, any public health concerns can be easily addressed by holding public hearings via videoconferencing.

As stated in the “*Paper for House Committee meeting on 8 January 2021: Use of videoconferencing platform for holding formal meetings of Panels, Bills Committees and subcommittees*” (LC Paper No. CROP 18/20-21), the Legislative Council Secretariat must consider how the general public can participate in or observe meetings held virtually (at paragraph 12). We believe if the Bills Committee were to hold a public hearing via videoconferencing, this would set an excellent example for the rest of the Legislature.

Thank you for your consideration.

Yours faithfully,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Virginie Goethals', with a stylized flourish at the end.

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