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Hon Frankie YICK Chi-ming, SBS, JP
Chairman
Bills Committee on Waste Disposal
(Charging for Municipal Solid Waste)
Legislative Council Complex
1 Legislative Council Road
Central, Hong Kong

Dear Mr YICK,

Statement of Support for HKSAR Government's Municipal Solid Waste Charging Scheme

The Hong Kong Green Building Council (HKGBC) welcomes and supports the Municipal Solid Waste Charging Scheme (the Scheme) as it aligns with our vision in advocating green built environment and sustainable development.

With the climbing waste load and dropping recycling rate in the city, an effective waste reduction measure is necessary to be in place to alleviate landfills' pressure and promote recycling. Putting the polluter-pay principle into practice, the implementation of the Scheme would foster behavioural change of consumers and help tackling the pressing waste problem in Hong Kong.

The HKGBC strives to promote waste reduction and recycling in the community and industry through engagements, publications and the implementation of the green building BEAM Plus assessment tools and certifications over the years. We look forward to the implementation of the Scheme to bring positive impacts to our community and industry, and help encouraging waste reduction at source, recycling, the development of local recycling industry and driving the adoption of recycled materials in buildings.

The Scheme would mark an important milestone in Hong Kong's waste reduction journey. The HKGBC stands ready to support and join hands with the Government to achieve the waste reduction target and facilitate sustainable development in Hong Kong.

Yours sincerely,

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Chairman
Hong Kong Green Building Council

Cc: Mr WONG Kam-sing, GBS, JP, Secretary for the Environment