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Bills Committee

Legislative Council of the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region

<u>RE: Bills Committee formed on 16 Oct 2020 to Study the Waste Disposal (Charging for</u> <u>Municipal Solid Waste) (Amendment) Bill 2018</u>

I would like to voice my support for the passing this legislation to support waste reduction and properly reflect the costs of waste on our society and the environment.

The legislation makes sense from both an environmental, societal and business point of view. Environmentally, this will help put a proper price on waste which sends a price signal to businesses and stimulate innovations in processes and design to reduce MSW. From a societal point of view, this legislation serves as a strong proof-of-concept to other potential areas of environmental protection that both the environmental and society can benefit from a reasonable and sensible deployment of 'user pays' framework. Lastly, from a business point of view, such legislation would also level the playing field for businesses who have been responsibly trying to reduce waste in their operations and processes as well as continuing to reward innovation in waste reduction.

Yours Sincerely,

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