

Dear honourable LegCo members,

I am writing this to express my strong support for the passing of the Municipal Solid Waste Scheme.

Hong Kong needs an effective policy that will spark behavioural change within our communities, leading to a cleaner city and a reduced impact on the environment. In 2020, Chief Executive Carrie Lam vowed that Hong Kong would go carbon neutral by 2050. The passing of this bill would push us closer to this goal and show the Hong Kong government's commitment to reducing emissions to combat climate change.

With such a densely populated, fast-paced city such as Hong Kong, consumerism and the need for convenience creates an unacceptable amount of waste. This waste increases annually and always ends up in our landfills. The large masses of decomposing waste in these landfills produce high levels of greenhouse gases such as methane and carbon dioxide, further contributing to global warming. To reduce this impact, we need a proper policy such as the proposed charging framework to reduce waste and separate recyclables.

The proposed bill, if passed, would mean that citizens of Hong Kong would be more inclined to consider their consumption habits and reduce their waste. The charging system would provide a financial incentive for people to be responsible with their waste production and become more eco-conscious.

For the future of Hong Kong and the betterment of all, I hope that this bill can be passed quickly. It is in the best interest of our society to work towards better management of our city's waste.

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