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**Letter to Legco in support of MSW charging scheme**

Dear relevant members of LegCo,

We, Circular City Limited, fully support the implementation of the proposed Municipal Waste Charging Scheme, in order to transition Hong Kong into a more sustainable and circular city and reduce the pressures on landfill and the environment, with the aim of heading towards a zero waste city.

Hong Kong is severely lagging behind other developed Asian cities, and for too long there has been a reliance on the general public and business to do the right thing with reducing waste. This has clearly not been effective as waste figures per person have increased rather than decreased as per the last blueprint proposals for sustainable use of resources.

There is currently no incentive for citizens to reduce their waste, so by implementing this waste charging scheme, it aims to reduce the amount of waste produced by raising awareness, educating and incentivising citizens and businesses to reduce their waste footprints, and practice the act of sorting at source for clean recycling. Although we at Circular City still think Hong Kong could do more to enable a Circular Economy over and above recycling and waste to energy (the least effective and resource efficient methods of enabling circularity), we think this will help transition people's mindsets and behaviours to eventually become a zero waste city. We also hope that there will be policy introduced to force supermarkets and FMCG sectors to reduce the amount of single use packaging, so as the burden does not fall on the consumer.

As a Hong Kong based technology startup in the zero waste/clean tech space, we fully support this bill.

On behalf of the Circular City Team,

Signed,  
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Founder & CEO  
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