

Level 19 Two International Finance Centre 8 Finance Street, Central, Hong Kong Telephone: 2846 1816

Fax: 2842 0529

Chairman Chung
Bills Committee on Revenue (Stamp Duty) Bill 2021
Legislative Council Secretariat
Legislative Council Complex
1 Legislative Council Road
Central, Hong Kong

立法會 CB(1)788/20-21(06)號文件 (只備英文本) LC Paper No. CB(1)788/20-21(06) (English version only)

Email: bc 05 20@legco.gov.hk

16 April 2021

Bills Committee on Revenue (Stamp Duty) Bill 2021 ("the Bill")

Dear Sir

In response to the Bills Committee invitation to the public to make submissions on the Bill we would like to provide our view thereof.

As pointed out in the Legislative Council Brief (File Ref: SF&C/1/2/57C), Stamp Duty on Stock Transfers is an important source of Government revenue. We recognize that the impact of recent events on the Government's fiscal position requires a balance to be struck between increasing revenues through increased tax rates to address fiscal needs in the short to medium term and sustaining the development of the Hong Kong financial markets.

In seeking that balance we support the amendment moved by the Honourable Christopher Cheung Wah-Fung to limit the term of the Stamp Duty increase.

Yours sincerely,

Mr. Patrick Donovan

Chairman, Capital Markets Tax Committee of Asia