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1 Legislative Council Road
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Dear Mr Chen,

**Committee Stage Amendments to
Road Traffic Legislation (Parking Spaces) (Amendment) Bill 2019**

I write to withdraw the Committee Stage Amendment (“CSA”) to the Road Traffic Legislation (Parking Spaces) (Amendment) Bill 2019 (“the Bill”), which was approved by the President of the Legislative Council (“LegCo”) on 24 June 2020 via LC Paper No. CB(3) 586/19-20 to be moved at the Committee Stage of the Bill at the LegCo meeting of 8 July 2020, and to seek the President’s permission for the Government to move the attached new CSAs to the Bill at the LegCo sitting of 21 October 2020.

Following the Government’s introduction of the Bill into LegCo on 27 November 2019, the Bills Committee formed in early May 2020 completed scrutiny of the Bill at its meeting on 19 May 2020. The resumption of Second Reading debate on the Bill was originally scheduled for 8 July 2020. As the commencement date of the Bill (except for certain provisions) (i.e. 1 May 2020) had lapsed then, a CSA was proposed and approved to be moved to revise the commencement date to 1 August 2020, in anticipation that the Second Reading of the Bill could be resumed by the conclusion of the 2019-20 legislative session. Now that the Bill will be carried forward to the Council meeting of 21 October 2020, with lapse of time, we would like to withdraw the CSA and further revise the

commencement date to 12 December 2020 so as to tie in with the Government's latest programme for starting the installation and operation of the new on-street parking meters by batches from December 2020 onwards.

In addition, with lapse of time and in order to adhere to our original intention to allow a sufficient and reasonable period of time for holders of unredeemed parking cards to seek refund if they so wish, we would like to revise the deadline for a person to return or surrender his/her parking card for refund and the commencement date of those provisions related to the removal of reference to "parking cards" in the Bill. Our proposed changes have been reflected in the attached new CSAs.

As the notice for moving the attached new CSAs was not given seven clear days before the resumption of Second Reading of the Bill scheduled for 8 July 2020, under Rule 57(2) of the Rules of Procedure, we would like to seek the President's permission to dispense with the seven-day notice requirement so that the new CSAs could be moved at the LegCo sitting of 21 October 2020.

The Bills Committee has considered and raised no objection to the new CSAs. The House Committee is invited to indicate support for the Government's new CSAs and our seeking of the President's permission to dispense with the said notice requirement at its meeting on 16 October 2020.

Should you have any questions, please feel free to contact Ms Shirley Kwan, Principal Assistant Secretary for Transport and Housing (Transport), at 3509 8192.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'Chan Fan, Frank', written over a horizontal line.

(CHAN Fan, Frank)
Secretary for Transport and Housing

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Chairman, House Committee

Chairman, Bills Committee on Road Traffic Legislation (Parking Spaces)
(Amendment) Bill 2019

Road Traffic Legislation (Parking Spaces) (Amendment) Bill 2019

Committee Stage

Amendments to be moved by the Secretary for Transport and Housing

<u>Clause</u>	<u>Amendment Proposed</u>
1(2)	By deleting “1 May 2020” and substituting “12 December 2020”.
1(3)	By deleting “1 January 2022” and substituting “1 July 2022”.
10	In the proposed regulation 12AA(1) and (2), by deleting “31 December 2021” and substituting “30 June 2022”.

《2019 年道路交通法例(泊車位)(修訂)條例草案》

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建議修正案

- 1(2) 刪去“2020 年 5 月 1 日”而代以“2020 年 12 月 12 日”。
- 1(3) 刪去“2022 年 1 月 1 日”而代以“2022 年 7 月 1 日”。
- 10 在建議的第 12AA(1)及(2)條中，刪去“2021 年 12 月 31 日”而代以“2022 年 6 月 30 日”。