美國商會的信頭

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Ms. Odelia Leung Secretary Revenue Bill's Committee LegCo Building 8 Jackson Road Central

via fax & post:2877.8024

Dear Odelia:

The American Chamber of Commerce is concerned over the quality of the environment in Hong Kong, and is in support of programs to reduce air pollution. In this regard, we are writing in support of the amendment to the Revenue Bill proposal by the Citizens Party which would increase the fixed penalty fine for smoky vehicles to \$5,000.

It has been demonstrated that air pollution in Hong Kong is a serious risk to public health. This in turn impacts the tourism and business community when people consider visiting or relocating to Hong Kong. The fixed penalty for smoky vehicles is a small but significant step toward making a visible improvement to our environment, but to be successful it is important that the fine must be of high enough value to encourage compliance with the regulations.

AMCHAM will appreciate your support of this amendment.

Very truly yours, AMCHAM Environmental Committee

David J. Fridlund, AIA Chairman

cc: Christine Loh - Citizens Party