

(Translation)

Mrs Percy MA  
Clerk to the Bills Committee on  
Legislative Council (Amendment) Bill 1999

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Dear Mrs Ma,

I learned that the Bills Committee on Legislative Council (Amendment) Bill 1999 will receive views from the public on the addition of a new Catering Functional Constituency on 26 and 30 March.

Having engaged in the catering industry for many years, I consider the inclusion of the Catering Functional Constituency appropriate and necessary.

As early as in 1995, the catering sector was once represented as a Functional Constituency in the Legislative Council but this arrangement was later cancelled. Given that the catering sector is now employing 200,000 workers and the trade has significant impact on the retail industry and tourism in Hong Kong, all members in the trade hold the view that the catering sector should no longer be excluded from representation in the Legislative Council.

For these reasons, I would like to attend the Bills Committee meeting on 26 March and hope that I can have the chance to express my views on the mailer. I would appreciate it if you could make the necessary arrangements and let me have a reply.

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