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CLERK TO THE BILLS COMMITTEE  
LEGCO BUILDING  
8, JACKSON ROAD  
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DEAR SIR,

DANGEROUS DOGS REGULATIONS

I REFER TO THE PROPOSAL THAT ALL DOGS OVER 20KG IN WEIGHT ARE TO BE MUZZLED WHILST IN A PUBLIC PLACE. AS A RESPONSIBLE OWNER OF SEVERAL DOGS, MOST OF WHICH ARE OVER 20KG IN WEIGHT, I CONSIDER THIS PROPOSAL TO BE BOTH ARBITRARY AND UNENFORCEABLE. I BELIEVE THE ASSUMPTION THAT THE WEIGHT OF A DOG DETERMINES WHETHER OR NOT IT MAY BE AGGRESSIVE IS FUNDAMENTALLY FLAWED AND DOES NOT REFLECT REALITY. WHILST I UNDERSTAND THERE IS A PROPOSED MECHANISM FOR 'EXEMPTION BY EXAMINATION', THE SHEER COMPLEXITY OF THIS EXAMINATION WOULD DETER THE MAJORITY OF OWNERS FROM PARTICIPATION

I WOULD EARNESTLY REQUEST THAT LEGCO AMEND THE DRAFT REGULATIONS TO EXCLUDE THE SECTIONS DEALING WITH DOGS OVER 20KG IN WEIGHT, SO THAT THE PUBLIC MAY BE BETTER INFORMED AND INVOLVED IN THIS VERY IMPORTANT DEBATE

YOURS FAITHFULLY.  
NEIL McLAUGHLIN.

