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Subject Public Consultation on the Review of Liquor Licensing

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Dear Sir/ Madam,

We are the Form 6C students of Maryknoll Convent School (Secondary Section). We would like to take this opportunity to express our views regarding the need of having a more stringent licensing control.

First of all, we propose the ideal limit on the number of liquor-licensed premises can be less than 10% of the total floor area of the whole building, base on the size and use of the building. It will be better if these bars do not exist in residential buildings and buildings for education usage. So, we support the government to refuse issuing new licenses to for premises in buildings for educational and residential purposes. It is not good to spread the idea of drinking in these buildings. It is bad to let kids see people getting drunk everyday? Also, it is disturbing for the people who live in the residential buildings at night because the bars are open till midnight.

However, we think that it is unfair to those premises which would like to be in high risk targeted buildings. If this case happens, the government can suggest the premises to move to some where else. If they refuse to do so, the government can reject their applications on licenses. But before doing so, the government shall give these premises a chance to choose. Applying a discount factor can also help to prevent crimes because as the numbers of customers decreases, it will be easier for the person in charge to control the discipline of the people. If there is a fight, fewer innocents will be hurt as well.

Last but not least, t will be nice to reconsider the applications if the premises would like to locate among densely populated residential blocks or in buildings for educational purpose. It is good if the building is purpose-built for restaurants, bars or entertainment. So the premises can be open there instead of being near buildings for education and housing purposes. This can be one of the tourist attractions, like Lan Kwai Fong, if this really happens. Meanwhile, it is less desirable to have more new premises in buildings, which the number of licensed premises has already reached the maximum. If the number of alcohol-related crimes is high in a particular area, the government should consider the applications wisely to prevent more crimes coming up.

Thank you for your attention. We hope there will be amendments regarding to the above issue.

Yours faithfully,

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