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 Urgent Return Receipt

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 Subject: tax reform

Dear Financial Secretary,

I am a student in CUHK economics department.

I have several opinion about the tax reform. I am against the establishment of GST. Reason as following.

1. GST is a regressive tax. It will only worsen the gap of income distribution. Poor will be much poorer and rich will be just affected very little.
2. the effect of GST can't be offset by increase the income tax allowance. Again, it is about the income distribution.
3. I am extremely worried that it will damage the goodwill of HongKong as a shopping paradise. Undoubtedly, it will encourage hongkong citizen to go to mainland to consume. HK retailing will have a large influence again.
4. Please consider the poor in their condition. You, the "great" financial secretary, will never know how is the live of the poor. You are a rich man. GST is nothing for you. But for the poorest, even \$1 increase will affect their live very very much.

Hong Kong is under so many unfavourable factors now. How to rebuild the economy? My opinion is, LET IS BE!!! Dont interfere the economy. Dont let the recovery stop. Do consider in long-term. (please be more than 5-10 years).

The economy of HK is belonging to HK people, not the Government. Dont destory what we rebuild by our sweat and blood. TO STABILZE THE SOCIETY(GOVERNMENT GOAL), STOP DOING ANYTHING AFFECT THE CITIZEN LIVE.

Thank you for attention

Your Faithfully,
 Johnny Chan