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Subject: Oppose a GST Tax >>please forward to "Henry Tang" & Chief Executive of Hong Kong >Mr Tsang<

Attn: Chief Executive of Hong Kong >>> Mr. Tsang<<< and Secretary of Treasure of Hong Kong >>> Mr. Henry Tang <<<

Dear Sir:

This letter is to express my personal suggestion & opinion about your branch of government of Hong Kong are trying to impose a >>>GST<<< tax to Hong Kong.

I am a loyal Citizen of Hong Kong & I am also a Honorable Council for Chinese Government. I am strongly oppose the idea of impose a GST tax in Hong Kong same as Country of CANADA, AUSTRALIA, NEW ZEALAND, SINGAPORE and most European Countries as of today date. But I am very much support that if Hong Kong would have the alternative to adopt the system of >>>Sales Tax <<< from UNITED STATES OF AMERICA.

Here I will name the benefit of using the >>>Sales Tax <<< system & I will also tell you why not to use the >>>GST<<< bad system.

1) First of all; Sales Tax system have been successfully use in the United States of America for long time & most American people & have supported because it automatic let most tourist pay for all the needs for the government. However; the success part of it is not to tax the local resident of services such as no tax on Labor who comes to your home to fix anything like plumbing problem or T.V. etc. Also no tax on raw food from the Supermarket, No tax on buying Postage or shipping such as UPS or Fedex etc. No tax of hire a TAXI or ride a public buses. No Tax to see a family doctor ! You see this is all the local resident needs everyday including your own family members. However; Hong Kong still have a lot of low income family rely their every dollar to count on limited food per day not like you or me so lucky.

Think about this way; Today Hong Kong economy is getting much better than few years ago, Why ? It is because with the major help from our Excellent Leader of Beijing Government It has authorized & opened more district state or city residents to allow travel & come to Hong Kong Visit & of course they will spent a lot of money here to consume their personal needs item such as Jewelry, clothing, Hotel & restaurant & tour point etc. It will continues help the Hong Kong economy grows better & better each year. I am sure that with your current age level, you have spent most of your time to travel on either business or private trip to the world & you must have a lot of your relatives or friends who's currently living into those countries where they are current have the GST Tax system; I am sure that they would not appreciated at all.

United States Of America today is the only biggest buying power country in the world & most of the world countries are following this big brother action such as bank interest rate or report of sales index, jobs index those are major factor affect the economy of its big brother & to the

world. Why not in Canada or Why not in U.K. or why not in those rest of world countries who currently use GST tax system.

Most Hong Kong export business market is to target to sales to United States of America; why because the American people have the biggest buying power, Why because USA have no GST tax therefore it can afford the merchant lower the cost & also USA government does not charge Sales tax if USA resident to purchase their needs online from the other state so It help other part of state people running their business steady.

2) Let talk about the Bad part of "GST" tax system. Look at United Kingdom (U.K.) Country they have >>>VAT<<< tax of 17.5% tax on everything like so called "GST" Good & Service Tax; Look at today British Citizen who live in U.K.; Are they have a lot of extra money in their own pocket ? Most British People I talk to they don't even want to live in Britain; Why; It is too expensive of everything of today. One incident; I have talk to a few British worker that they work for the Vacation Cruise ship, they told me that once they,ve holiday or vaction off duty; they will rent a apartment & live in USA but not go back to U.K. home. Because USA Country have a wonderful lower price of everything food or your own daily need thing. I am sure that you've been in U.K. many times or even in europe countries would you like to permanent live there ?
Austra has 21% GST there; would you like to live there too???

3) Let talk about Canada; Before year of 1997 Hong Kong has a lot of emigrant to becomes a landing immigrant to Canada because the Mainland China will take back Hong Kong. Well look at today date July 19th 2006; I am sure that you know that most of the Hong Kong Chinese Canadian Citizen are returning to Hong Kong to stay permanent for good. Why? It is because the expensive GST Tax of 15% that are currently impose to all state of Canada that really affect the economy. The most Canadian Citizen who live in Canada now are always driving across the border to USA just go to spent money to shopping even though they know that it is much cheaper than Canada & they know that when they return to Canada they will have to pay GST on top of what they have paid Sales Tax in purchase their goods from USA but still cheaper than purchase in Canada. So Most of the retail store owner in Vancouver B.C. or Toronto Ontario Canada are suffering the worst situation; Most people living in Canada now are on Welfare; people cannot find a good job there with good pay. Even my own Cousin who was born in Toronto & graduated University of Toronto & have a bachelor Degree Can't find a job there for two years with the perfect English & Chinese language; Can you believe that. That why people are leaving Canada return to Hong Kong. But now you try to impose the GST in Hong Kong think how many people will start leaving H.K. again perhave move into mainland of China. By the way; to just buy a bottle of Red Wine in Canada will cost you Cdn\$25-28/plus 15%GST tax. But only US\$10.00 for 3/bottles in USA.

Moreover; you look at Australia & New Zealand also have many Hong kong Chinese live there but they can tell that there is no fun because it is the same thing GST there is 12% too. It really dry up of your own pocket. If you think GST is good & you are believe in it than I would strongly suggest you that move yourself & retired from H.K. & immgrate to live in those country and enjoy with your wife & your family son & daughter & their next generation to pay your GST Tax there for your life.

Your name will be so famous if you pass the law introduce the GST tax in Hong Kong because it will remain in the future history book that You are the God Father of GST of Hong Kong your name will remember forever better than a movie star Like "Jack Chan".

At last I will suggest you two will always have a second thought before you act or you will regards when you getting old & looking back your shoulder you two have damage or destroy the beautiful living style of Hong Kong of your father & grand father & have enjoyed in the past history but your next

generation will not enjoy & always criticise you including your own grand kids !

Your loyal Speaker Citizen

July 19th 2006

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