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 Urgent Return Receipt

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Subject: OBJECTION to GST

To whom it may concern

Hong Kong is FAMOUS as a shopping mecca. Why destroy such a renowned reputation that has strong foundations in our economy? Putting a tax on goods and services will kill the goose that lays the golden egg!!!!

Filing GST returns is also time consuming and detracts workers and private citizens from doing actual work that keeps the economy running. As with all things in life, simplicity should be treasured. Life in Hk is stressful enough, why add more complications? I remember when New Zealand introduced GST and the mental effect on how people spent remains restrained even to this day. Everytime a person has to factor in GST, it becomes depressing!!!!!!

When households and companies are confined by a budget, the first line of action is belt tightening. Do we really see this course of action with the government? Why are civil servants still getting millions in educational allowances etc. As middle class citizens, I am bewildered at the amount of tax we already pay and yet receive no services for. For example, Yau Tong has a public library yet for the combined mass residential estates Sceneway Garden and Laguna City we ONLY get a mobile library. Umm, I wonder which estates pay more tax to the government and where is the larger population. I for one would not want to pay even more tax unfairly for so little in return. The middle class do more than their share paying taxes. I would consider leaving HK and eventually a mass exodus might cause a brain drain.

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