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Clerk to Panel on Health Services
Legislative Council Secretariat
Legislative Council Complex
1 Legislative Council Road
Central
Hong Kong

Dear Sir/ Madam,

Re: Submission of views on “Smoking Ban at Bus Interchange at Tunnel Portal Areas”

The United Christian Nethersole Community Health Service has the mission of promoting the health of the community. We strongly support the legislation of smoking ban extended to 8 bus interchange at tunnel portal areas based on the following rationales:

1. At waiting areas of bus interchange, passengers who queue up waiting for bus exchange have unpleasant experience of unavoidably breathing in exhausting fumes from vehicle emission and secondhand smoke from smokers who smoke cigarettes at waiting areas.
2. A survey* (attachment 1) which collected feedback of 67 of people attending community health centres on legislating of smoking ban extended to 8 bus interchanges at tunnel portal areas, was conducted from 15th to 18th January 2016. 91% of respondents agreed to ban smoking at bus interchanges at tunnel portal areas.

In addition, we propose to expand smoking ban areas to other public transports (e.g. bus stops, minibus stops and taxi strands) where many non-smoking passengers similarly cannot avoid secondhand smoke while waiting. The majority of our survey respondents (86.6%) want to expand smoking ban to these area as well.

To facilitate general public to comply with the legislation, we recommend clear bilingual signage on smoking ban at above mentioned locations, and fixed penalty tickets should be issued to those who violate tobacco control regulation.

Thank you for your attention. For any questions, please kindly contact myself on 2357-4008, joycesf.tang@ucn.org.hk.

Yours faithfully,

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Medical Director

* Survey Result on Tobacco Control Measures attached (Attachment 1)





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Attachment 1

Survey Result on Tobacco Control Measures

The United Christian Nethersole Community Health Service conducted a survey to collect our client feedback on legislating tobacco control. 67 respondents aged 16 years and above were recruited in our community health centres in Kwun Tong and Tin Shui Wai, and outreaching sites Mosque and food market, from 15th to 18th January 2016. Survey results are enlisted as follows:

1. Respondents agreed that non-smoking area is extended to tunnel portal areas**, so as to prevent secondhand smoke affecting passengers who are non-smokers.

Responses (n=67)	Percentage
Agree	91.0%
Disagree	1.5%
No opinion	7.5%

** Bus Interchanges include (a) Lion Rock Tunnel Bus Interchange, (b) Cross-Harbour Tunnel Bus Interchange, (c) Eastern Harbour Crossing Bus Interchange, (d) Shing Mun Tunnels Bus Interchange, (e) Tate's Cairn Tunnel Bus Interchange, (f) Western Harbour Crossing Bus Interchange, (g) Tai Lam Tunnel Bus Interchange and (h) Tsing Sha Highway Bus Interchange.

2. Respondents agreed that non-smoking area is further expanded to cover other public transports (e.g. bus stops, minibus stops, taxi strands).

Responses (n=67)	Percentage
Agree	86.6%
Disagree	10.4%
No opinion	3.0%

3. Respondents' suggestions on further tobacco control:
Strengthen school education on tobacco control, enhance penalty for smokers who violate tobacco control regulation, increase tobacco tax.

4. Demographics

Gender (n=67)	Percentage
Male	43.3%
Female	56.7%

Age (n=67)	Percentage
16-24	13.4%
25-34	22.4%
35-44	23.9%
45-54	20.9%
55-64	10.4%
65 or above	9.0%

Ethnicity (n=67)	Percentage
Chinese	68.7%
Ethnic minority (including Indian, Nepalese, Pakistani, etc.)	31.3%

