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Dear Prof Lau.

Re: Consultation for 2008 Election

On behalf of the members of the dental profession, I am writing to express our wish to introduce a seat for the dental profession in the Legislative Council in 2008. It is without a doubt that the dental profession fully supports Dr Kwok Ka-Ki, the Legislator of the Medical Functional Constituency. However, it is without question that dentists and doctors are separate professions and in practice, our interests and concerns are fundamentally different. Presently, the dental profession is not directly represented by a member of our profession and we believe that such representation will definitely evoke positive effects.

The functional constituency election system was first created in 1985 and, according to the Basic Law, it will eventually be replaced by geographical constituencies. This is not a short-term goal. As the Standing Committee of the National People's Congress pointed out on the 26th April 2004, the functional constituency election system shall remain for the 2008 Legislative Council election. It is in the light of this background that we are making the aforementioned proposal. In order to promote development in the area of dental health for the community in the coming years, we propose for the dental profession to be allowed to elect a representative among experienced dental practitioners by way of the functional constituency election system in the next election. I am confident that the members of the dental profession are competent electors who will be able to elect a person that can best represent the profession and serve the community after serving as voters of the medical functional constituency for the last nineteen years.

The dental profession will be deeply grateful if our opinion can be considered in your study. Thank you for your kind attention and I look forward to your favourable reply.

Yours sincerely.

(Signed)

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