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Dear Honorable Committee members

I am sad and at same time disgusted over continuous relentless bashing towards Tung and his team being singled out as major cause of the many SARS infections and deaths. Political conmen are happy to jump onboard the bandwagon mobilizing all available resources including free legal advice to anticipate groundless compensation claims.

My version of true culprits are

1. Absence of speedy delivery of timely comprehensive systematic epidemic reporting mechanism at time of first outbreak.
2. Densely populated apartment complexes coupled with bad hygiene and poor sewage pipe upkeep paved way for the many deaths in Amoy Garden. Its management and Owners committee have undeniable contractual and moral responsibility. Smaller outbreaks in other neighborhoods are found to have caused by a similar recipe combining poor maintenance and illegal alteration of sewage pipes
3. Professional medical bodies stayed numb until frontline [REDACTED] in-charge of Prince of Wales Hospital blew the whistle. Higher professional ethics and job independence is needed if any such epidemic ever arises. Administration personnel are often office holders who are least suitable to react fast and promptly enough to sudden event.
4. Panic individuals ran away from containment help spread disease even further, and fictitious address have reported been used by selfish virus carriers to avoid hospitalization with other SARS patients seriously jeopardizing whoever comes into contact.

To put Tung and Yeoh up for endless rounds of public scrutiny is no help to rebuild Hong Kong a nicer cleaner safer place.

Yours truly,

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