



Canadian Federation of University Women
Markham/Unionville

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The Honorable Paul Calandra, M.P.P.
**Minister of Legislative Affairs and
Government House Leader**
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Re: Single-Used Plastics & Packaging

Dear Minister,

I am writing on behalf of the CFUW Markham/Unionville Club, an affiliate of the Canadian Federation of University Women (CFUW) with 146 members. We work to improve the status of women and to promote human rights, public education, social justice and peace.

We are calling on the Ontario Government to work together with the federal and other provincial and municipal governments to expedite the implementation of the current ban on single-use plastics. The pending Single-Use Plastic Ban Act, 2019, which includes a plan that identifies measurable targets and sets out timelines for the immediate reduction and eventual elimination of the distribution and supply of single-use plastics in Ontario, and that requires the immediate elimination of certain single-use plastics needs to be passed expeditiously in order for the implementation of Canada's Plastic Science Agenda, the Zero Plastic Waste agenda be realized by 2030. The Single-Use Plastic Ban Act has been stalled in legislature since March 2019.

We urge you to:

- pass and implement the pending Single-Use Plastic Ban Act 2019 immediately in order to identify targets and timelines for immediate reduction and elimination of distribution and supply of single-use plastics and to provide yearly accountability reports

- implement a provincially standardized and coordinated approach to recycling, reducing and reusing plastics so plans for infrastructure plastic waste management can be more efficient and effective
- develop a plan to work with academia research and the food service industry to develop and source sustainable alternatives to single-use plastics which are effective, affordable and available
- promote reusable and refillable products in all possible sectors. i.e retail, industry etc.
- fund and increase public education programs that address the dangers of discarded plastic waste and encourage the use of clear labelling for proper disposal of plastic products that targets both industry and consumers
- continue to provide funding for the creation of alternative uses for discarded plastics and biodegradable alternatives through start-up funding to industry and academic researchers develop novel solutions to the existing plastic waste problem
- share best practices with other industry leaders from companies that are successful in reducing single use plastics

These steps will markedly accelerate the implementation of the targets aimed at reducing single-use plastics waste and pollution in the Ocean Plastics Charter and Canada's Plastic Science Agenda.

Plastic pollution is a global environmental challenge that requires urgent action. It is past time to reduce our dependence on single-use plastics and mitigate their environmental impact.

We look forward to your response outlining plans for **reducing**, reuse, and recycle single-use plastics in Ontario.

Yours sincerely,

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cc: Hon. Doug Ford, M.P.P., Premier of Ontario and Minister of Intergovernmental Affairs

Hon. David Piccini, M.P.P., Minister of Environment, Conservation and Parks

Hon. Nina Tangri, M.P.P., Associate Minister of Small Business and Red Tape Reduction

Hon. Victor Fedeli, M.P.P., Minister of Economic Development, Job Creation and Trade

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