

Dear Ms. Bernabe,

Thank you for your email, and concern about the use of single-use plastics.

As you know, single-use plastic pollution has many harmful effects to our beaches, parks, streets, and other places we all value as Canadians. Our government is looking to bring into force the ban of single-use plastics as early as late 2022.

[A Healthy Environment and a Healthy Economy](#), our climate action plan, and our 2021 Budget encourage and support the reduction of plastic pollution in our environment. Our most recent addition to our approach to combatting climate change is the [Emissions Reduction Plan](#), which was release earlier this week.

Our targets, action plan, and legislation are based on scientific evidence, and have been developed to effectively address the issues associated with single-use plastics.

The Hon. Steven Guilbeault, Minister of Environment and Climate Change recently reaffirmed our government's plans to ban single use plastics. The press release, which can be found [here](#), also stated our government's commitment to ensuring all plastic packaging in Canada will contain at least 50% recycled content by 2030, and will prohibit misleading recycling labelling. We will continue to work with the provinces and territories to ensure that producers, not Canadian taxpayers, are responsible for the costs associated with managing plastic waste.

Since 2018, we have championed a commitment to zero plastic waste globally by helping to develop the [Ocean Plastics Charter](#), which is an international effort to manage and reduce plastics in our oceans. In 2020, we proposed next steps to achieve our goal of zero plastic waste by 2030.

Our government is committed to limiting the impact plastic pollution has on our communities using a variety of short-and long-term approaches. As a long-time advocate for bold action on the environment, I understand the urgency you feel in addressing this issue. We must, and will, respond accordingly to mitigate plastic pollution's negative impact on our communities and planet.

Best regards,

The Hon. Joyce Murray, PC, MP
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PS I apologize for the late response.