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The Honourable Tamara Davidson
Minister of Environment and Parks
Via email: ENV.Minister@gov.bc.ca

Sam Baker, Executive Director
Recycle BC
Via email: info@recyclebc.ca

Dear Minister Davidson and Sam Baker:

RE: FUNDING SUPPORT FOR EMERGING RECYCLING STREAMS

On behalf of the Capital Regional District (CRD) Board, I write to advocate for a focused review of the funding available to service partners, including local governments, for the collection of emerging recycling streams like soft plastics. Now that British Columbia has a viable end market for soft plastics, targeted funding is needed to accelerate community adoption of collection systems for these materials.

The CRD supports the province's waste reduction objectives and the principles of Extended Producer Responsibility (EPR), which are intended to ensure producers are responsible for the costs of managing designated materials at end of life. However, local governments are increasingly facing financial pressures as new recycling streams are introduced.

The CRD Board respectfully requests that the province and Recycle BC assess the financial implications of emerging recycling streams for local governments and develop sustainable funding solutions to address resulting capital and operating costs. This approach would help ensure that EPR programs continue to place the costs of managing designated materials on producers rather than taxpayers.

Thank you for your consideration of this request. I would welcome the opportunity to discuss this matter further.

Sincerely,

Cliff McNeil-Smith
Chair, Capital Regional District Board

cc: CRD Board
Ted Robbins, Chief Administrative Officer, CRD