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**To: Public Works & Infrastructure Committee Members**

**Subject: Plastic Bag Ban Bylaw**

**Hi Ms. Davidovits**

**My name is Steve from Petro Plastics Corporation Ltd**

**We welcome the opportunity to have input, but are skeptical that the input is being sought simply to legitimize a decision to ban plastic bags that has already been made by the City of Toronto. We understand the Public Works & Infrastructure Committee (PW&I) cannot make any changes to the bylaw and therefore any deputation we make would be irrelevant, not taken into account, a waste of our time and resources.**

**There is no municipal need for the ban if the ban does in fact go through I will have to let go or lay off 50% of my staff in December and tell the remainder that there will not be work for them after the New Year. Most of my staff has been with our company for between 10 and 20 years and are considered part of my family and will leave dozens of people helpless and struggling to find new work in 2013.**

**The plastic bag ban is unnecessary. With current programs currently in place, 95% of bags are reused and recycled.**

**What is disturbing about the ban vote, it repudiates the democratic process which is the main reason why my family emigrated to Canada and proceeded to start this business.**

**This kind of decision has caused my family to rethink why we came to Canada for a better life, to see it destroyed by an uncaring and uninformed Council that only wants to look environmental rather than be**

**environmental. This decision is unconstitutional and the ban should be reversed.**

**Respectfully**

**Steven Barkel  
Family Business owner at Petro Plastics Corp Ltd**