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Subject: RE: March 27 - Plastic Bag - Stakeholder Discussion - agenda attached.

Hi Kate:

Just to confirm that I will be attending again. Unfortunately, the meeting time does conflict with another that will be discussing the plastic film situation in Ontario.

I would like to make a couple of points:

1. PPEC is opposed to product bans or fees imposed on paper materials in the marketplace on the grounds that they unfairly penalise products that are made from renewable resources and renewable energy, are often high in recycled content, and are widely recyclable and compostable.
2. Although you qualify it with words like "potentially" and "not necessarily", we think your comments on "environmental burden" in the latest options document are over-reliant on the UK study. This study does not recognise the large extent to which Canadian paper bags incorporate waste wood products into their production, and their use of renewable energy (carbon-neutral biomass).
3. You refer to relative weight of paper and plastic bags. It is ridiculous to claim, as CPIA does, that the extra weight of paper bags means an equivalent increase in their waste management cost. The net cost of dealing with plastic film in Ontario was \$1,876.54 a tonne in 2011 (SO/WDO data) compared to paper bags (baled with corrugated) of \$370.28 a tonne. Heavier does not mean more cost.

Regards

John

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