



Date: October 14, 2020

To: The Toronto and East York Community Council

Subject: Appeal of the decision - **Refusal of a Clothing Drop Box Location permit application located at 299 Rogers Road**

The Canadian Textile Logistics, Inc is a fairly new player in the market, but is an official organization, registered (License B90-5014313) with the City of Toronto, duly paying its dues and taxes. We are not hiding, we would like to work openly in the community, with the community, for the community.

We take pride in our work and feel privileged to be working towards advancement of women's rights and education.

Our charity of choice is "Girls20", launched in 2009 at the Clinton Global Initiative, Girls20 places young women at the centre of decision-making processes. Through its programs Girls20 make strategic investments in young women through education and training, building networks, and access to unparalleled opportunities at home and abroad.

Girls20 is advancing the full participation of young women leaders in decision-making spaces to change the status quo.

We build our operations, based on the professional experience in the industry with other agencies/charities for over 9 years now. We understand that the reputation of the "Clothing Drop Boxes" has been destroyed by so many illegal as well as legally registered companies and charities alike operating on the streets of Toronto.

This is due to several factors, one of each being a very low pay to the drivers, who collect the product. They are the soldiers, who ought to work regardless of the weather (in heat waves as well as -30 degrees with a windchill of -58) and clean inside and outside of the donation boxes.

Another huge factor is common responsibility of the citizens as well as their education of this industry. The used clothing collection industry went pretty much unnoticed until recent turf wars and rapid expansions suddenly had the media and public asking questions. While there have been misconceptions in the past about the used clothing collection industry and textile recycling in general, work is now being done to help educate and inform the public about the benefits of growing clothing donation into a sustainable, regulated and important part of our communities.

It is also important to reinforce the message in the communities, that the "Clothing Drop Boxes" are for goods, which can be used by underprivileged members of the same communities, and not a box to dump unwanted garbage.

We work well with other clothing collection companies on the market. In fact, we tend to help each other out, ensuring that areas outside the clothing donation boxes always remains clean.

Our operations are intensive, we ensure daily servicing (pick up schedule 09:00 am. - 09:00 pm.) of the boxes and do not have any complaints since the start of our operations. We do home pick ups, and would be interested to engage in clothing drive during community events, share our story and educate community members on the operations of such industry. We also engage new comers in our daily operations, providing opportunities and would like to continue in this direction as we legally expand our areas in the City of Toronto.

Our goal is not only collections, our goal is ensuring that property management and the City of Toronto stays content with our services in the community.

We procure our bins from Rangeview. Inc, which is currently the only leading provider of safe used clothing donation bins in the GTA. Every bin comes with a safety control report from the engineer, acceptable by the City of Toronto.

We would like to kindly request, that you reconsider the decision made in regards to the application number C030629 at 299 Rogers Road and allow us operate legally, expand our operations during this tough year, when pandemic has already hit many of the businesses and organizations.

Looking forward to working with the City of Toronto and East York Council.

Respectfully,

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Executive Director

Canadian Textile Logistics., Inc