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To: Members of the Infrastructure and Environment Committee and Mayor Chow
Via email: iec@toronto.ca

Re: IE 9.3 - Update and Action Plan on the Single-Use and Takeaway Items Reduction Strategy

Suppli is a local Toronto startup tackling the growing problem of single-use waste associated with takeout food. Our partner restaurants need a solution that is sustainable, affordable, and aligned with customer expectations. We know that reusability is the solution that addresses all three of these factors.

Our customers love supporting businesses that choose to offer reusable containers! We've seen business clients from Etobicoke to the Beach who love partnering with Suppli for their corporate catering because it aligns with their employee's values and helps them to achieve their ESG targets. Unfortunately, we've also seen an increase in greenwashing with restaurants increasingly offering "compostable" options which are expensive and nearly as harmful as unrecyclable plastics. The more we can incentivize restaurants to offer reusable containers, the better the experience will be for the consumers of Toronto.

We are writing to urge you to move quickly and vote for a strong Single-Use Reduction Strategy that will reduce single-use plastics, avoid unnecessary waste, and help our community and small businesses shift to zero-waste reusable options.

That's why we are urging you to move quickly on this strategy, including:

- Require businesses to ask-first before giving out bags, accessories and cups
- Ensure customers can bring their own clean, reusable cups and bags to avoid waste
- Stop letting restaurants use disposable cups and dishes for dine in - require reusable cups and dishes at all restaurants, and at events and stadiums
- Develop a timeline to require large foodservice establishments offer reusable, returnable takeout containers

We also believe the City needs to act immediately to ban the worst single-use plastic items like black plastic, foam containers and cups, and plastic bags. Other cities have taken action to address these plastics that are top litter items, harmful to the environment, and unrecyclable.

We're calling on you to follow through on Council's commitments to tackle single-use plastic and unnecessary disposables.

Sincerely,

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