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

Re: IE 13.7 - Update on Stage 2 of the Single-Use and Takeaway Items Reduction Strategy

Good afternoon,

We are The Green Jar, a package-free, eco-friendly refillery that opened in midtown Toronto, December of 2019.

Our mission is to reduce single-use plastic consumption and household waste by providing eco-friendly refill solutions, hosting recycling and repair events, and offering alternatives to traditional waste streams, all in support of a circular economy.



We are writing to urge you to move quickly to stop single-use plastic pollution in our city using local regulations and by-laws to ban the worst plastics.

Plastic pollution is a pressing issue that deeply concerns our group. We see the detrimental effects of plastic waste on the environment, wildlife, and human health. Litter, especially plastic, not only ruins the aesthetics of our surroundings but also poses serious threats to ecosystems. Plastic waste persists in the environment for hundreds of



years, breaking down into microplastics that can enter the food chain and harm animals and humans.

We believe the City can do more to support small businesses in becoming more sustainable. By implementing policies and initiatives that promote sustainable practices, such as reducing single-use plastics, encouraging recycling, and supporting local, eco-friendly products, the City can significantly reduce its environmental footprint and help businesses transition to more sustainable operations.

Many of us have participated in litter cleanups and have witnessed firsthand the overwhelming amount of plastic waste in our communities. It's disheartening to see plastic litter blowing around our school yards or in front of our businesses. We are tired of this sight and want to take action to reduce plastic pollution and create a cleaner, healthier environment for everyone.



That's why we are urging you to move quickly to ban the worst single-use plastic items like black plastic, foam containers and cups, and plastic as a key part of a single-use reduction strategy.

Thank you for taking a moment to read this. We look forward to chatting with you further.

Sincerely,

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