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The Honourable Andrea Khanjin  
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Dear Minister:

**Subject: Infrastructure and Environment Committee Item 12.1  
Post-Transition of the Blue Box Program to Extended Producer  
Responsibility and Results of District 2 Service Delivery Options Review  
(Ward 14)**

City Council on April 17 and 18, 2024, adopted Item IE12.1 as amended and, in so doing, has communicated to the Premier of Ontario and Minister of the Environment, Conservation and Parks the following City of Toronto positions with respect to extended producer responsibility under the Resource Recovery and Circular Economy Act, 2016, and related regulations:

- a. any changes to the legislation and regulations that underpin the delivery, through extended producer responsibility, of the Blue Box program in Ontario should support the Province's stated commitments to improve recycling rates and reduce the movement of recyclable materials into landfills or the environment as litter;
- b. municipal governments have a strong interest in supporting actions that align with the Province's commitments as it is the municipal taxpayer who is responsible for the costs associated with any delay in improving Blue Box recycling in Ontario, be it through the management of landfills, composting facilities or public space litter; and
- c. any changes to the legislation and regulations that are under consideration by the Province should be subject to a public and transparent consultation process and be posted on the Environmental Registry so that all interested parties have the opportunity to participate and provide feedback.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Przedziecki".

for City Clerk

S. Przedziecki/br

Attachment

- c. Premier, Province of Ontario  
Minister of the Environment, Conservation and Parks