

Dear Minister Guilbeault and Minister Duclos,

We, the undersigned organizations and individuals, are deeply concerned about the plastic waste and pollution crisis and its devastating impacts worldwide. As responsible ministers for the *Canadian Environmental Protection Act* – “an Act respecting pollution prevention and the protection of the environment and human health”, **we urge you to take bolder and urgent action to tackle the crisis by expanding the single-use plastics ban to include a more comprehensive list of problematic plastics and substances.**

The federal, provincial and territorial governments have already identified a substantive list of plastic items that end up in the environment, are harmful to habitats and species, and/or cause significant challenges in end of life management. **Plastic pollutes at each stage of its lifecycle and puts the health of the climate, wildlife, ecosystems, and humans at risk. Downstream management measures are insufficient to reduce waste and curb pollution,** and the reduction of plastic produced is required to prevent further harm.

Canada committed to achieve zero plastic waste by 2030; however, the current ban covers only about 3 per cent of the plastic waste generated nationwide. To meet this goal, and key climate and biodiversity restoration targets, the production, distribution, sale, import and export of problematic and unnecessary plastic must be phased out through stronger regulatory action.

To build on the previous six single-use plastics that are covered by the ban, we **call for an expansion of the ban to include these next six categories of single-use plastic manufactured items.**

- All takeout containers, cups and lids
- Bottles and caps
- Sachets, pouches and wrappers
- Bags, film and wrap
- Filtered cigarettes
- Produce stickers

We further call for the elimination of the following **highly problematic polymers, chemical additives and types of plastic products.**

- Polymers:
 - Polyvinyl chloride (PVC)
 - Polystyrene
 - Polyurethanes
 - fluorinated polymers
- Chemical additives:
 - Per- and polyfluoroalkyl substances (PFAS)
 - Phthalates
 - Bisphenols
 - Brominated flame retardants
 - Chlorinated paraffins
 - Benzotriazole UV stabilizers
- Products:
 - So-called “flushables”
 - So-called “biodegradable,” “compostable” and “oxo-degradable” plastics

Canada is well positioned to set a new precedent on taking meaningful action to mirror the urgency and scale of the worsening pollution crisis. **We represent thousands of people across Canada who are calling on you to commit to expand the ban,** and accelerate a just transition to zero waste, circular systems centred on reuse.

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Friends of the Earth Canada
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GRAME
Green 13
Greenpeace Canada
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Health and Environment Justice Support
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La Vague
Le Conseil central du Montréal métropolitain – CSN
Le Front commun pour la transition énergétique (FCTÉ)
Les Aliments Naturels L'Eau Vive
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