

September 23, 2013

Dear Member of Provincial Parliament:

I am writing today to make sure you understand municipal governments' interest in Bill 91. The current *Waste Diversion Act, 2002* has created an uneven playing field whereby residents fund the Blue Box program more than those that create the products and packaging. That needs to change – to increase producers' financial responsibility for the end-of-life management of materials they introduce into the marketplace.

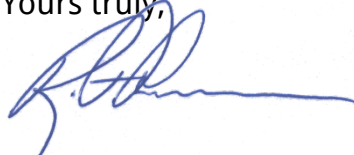
In the course of the ten plus years of experience, it is time to again improve Ontario's waste diversion system. Bill 91, *the Waste Reduction Act*, is a significant step to address the collective concerns on the state of waste diversion in Ontario. We are supportive of the draft legislation as:

- It provides the opportunity to increase the 50% cap on producers' funding of municipal collection activities.
- It outlines a clear dispute resolution process should the municipal sector and producers require it.

We are urging you to get Bill 91 debated and through 2nd Reading quickly so that the Standing Committee can consider it and refine it. We are supportive of Bill 91. It does help residents and property taxpayers but like most proposed legislation, it can be improved and Standing Committee is the vehicle to do this – to strengthen the proposed waste reduction legislation for the benefit of all.

For your reference, please find the August [2013 AMO submission](#) to the Ministry of Environment on Bill 91, the proposed *Waste Reduction Act*. If you have any questions or comments on AMO's Bill 91 submission, please contact Monika Turner, AMO Director of Policy, at mturner@amo.on.ca.

Yours truly,



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