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Nicole Fischer, Chair
Alain Brandon, Vice Chair
Circular Materials Ontario (CMO)
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Dear CMO Chair, Vice Chair and Board Members,

Re: Lack of Commercial Agreements to Support Transition of 2023 Blue Box Communities

We are writing to you as our members are becoming increasingly concerned about the lack of progress toward transitioning the Blue Box to full producer responsibility. As relayed to CMO staff at our last meeting, we are unaware of any agreements being signed to support this transition that starts in just over 7 months. Key agreements that need to be executed include:

- Common Collection System Access Agreement
- Receiving facilities that will determine where collection vehicles deliver blue box items collected
- Collection agreements with communities who have indicated they are interested in providing collection services
- Collection agreements with service providers where communities have opted out of service provision

Our members are eager to finalize agreements that are fair and reasonable and reflect the intent of the transition period to continue to provide existing service levels and ensure a smooth transition for Ontarians. In fact, many have already obtained delegated authority from their Councils to negotiate these agreements to enable execution during the municipal election.

Municipal governments are committed to ensuring a timely and smooth transition of this iconic recycling program for Ontarians. We urge you to finalize the needed commercial agreements that enable this to happen and are pleased to provide whatever assistance possible.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'D. Gordon', written over a horizontal line.

Dave Gordon
Senior Advisor, Waste Diversion
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cc. Allen Langdon, CEO, Circular Materials