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Minister Chris Ballard
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Dear Minister Ballard,

RE: Direction to Wind-up and Transition Municipal Hazardous or Special Waste to the Resource Recovery and Circular Economy Act

The Association of Municipalities of Ontario (“AMO”), the City of Toronto, the Regional Public Works Commissioners of Ontario (“RPWCO”) and the Municipal Waste Association (“MWA”) are writing to you regarding the wind-up and transition of the Municipal Hazardous or Special Waste program to the *Resource Recovery and Circular Economy Act*.

First, we want to applaud the government’s continued efforts to embrace extended producer responsibility and transition Ontario to a circular economy. This important work leads to a stronger economy and healthier environment by having producers, who design and produce products and packaging, directly accountable for their end-of-life management.

We are supportive of direction to wind-up, and transition the program for Municipal Hazardous or Special Waste to the *Resource Recovery and Circular Economy Act*. The new regulation should consider expanding the current program to ensure all hazardous and toxic materials identified in Ontario Regulation 387/16: Municipal Hazardous or Special Waste, are properly managed to reduce negative environmental impacts. Municipalities have a vested interest in the effective management of these materials as they can impact air, soil, municipal landfills, water, storm drains, sanitary sewers and wastewater treatment facilities.

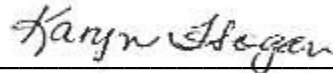
There is important work that can be done over the next year to ensure the government can meet its targets under the Strategy for a Waste-Free Ontario and provide for more effective management of these materials. Municipal governments would be happy to work with your staff to support this transition and provide input where it can be helpful.

Again, thanks to you and your staff for all their continued efforts in this area. Please contact us if you have any additional questions.


Sincerely,




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