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Ms. Jennifer Koole
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Dear Ms. Koole:

Thank you for sharing the Recycling Council of Alberta's feedback about the recent amendment to the Extended Producer Responsibility (EPR) Regulation.

We exempted a narrow range of flexible plastic packaging-like products from EPR requirements, namely products made from flexible plastic that are ordinarily used by households for the containment, protection, or handling of food. Exempting these materials makes the system more cost-efficient, addresses affordability for households, and considers food safety. Producers are confident they can still achieve the regulated material management requirements.

I appreciate your feedback on communication and engagement as we continue to work with the Alberta Recycling Management Authority, the producer responsibility organizations and producers, municipalities, and others on the transition to EPR. Collaboration will result in a credible system and achieve the environmental management, economic diversification, and cost-savings outcomes. Through this transition, we will also identify learnings and make adjustments as needed.

The change was communicated by posting Order in Council 69/2025 on March 26, 2025 (available at kingsprinter.alberta.ca), and by corresponding directly with affected parties. We continue to work together to communicate the change, including public awareness. We all have a role to play in informing the public about the transition to EPR, and producers are ultimately responsible for educating Albertans on what materials are recyclable in the system.

Please contact Ms. Kate Rich, Assistant Deputy Minister of the Water and Circular Economy Division, at kate.rich@gov.ab.ca or 780-203-0844 (Dial 310-0000 first for a toll-free connection) if you require further information.

Thank you again for writing.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Rebecca Schulz', with a stylized, cursive script.

Rebecca Schulz
Minister of Environment and Protected Areas

cc: Kate Rich, Assistant Deputy Minister
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