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The City of/The Town of/The County of ...

Dear Mayor Naheed Nenshi,

The City/Town/County of xxx wants to express its support for The City of Calgary's AUMA resolution for the Government of Alberta to establish an Extended Producer Responsibility (EPR) policy and program approach in Alberta.

EPR shifts the financial responsibility toward the producer and away from municipalities and taxpayers, while providing incentives to producers to incorporate environmental considerations in the design of their products.

We are convinced that EPR can provide opportunities to shift the funding and if municipalities choose, the operational responsibility for recycling, recycling collection, processing and materials marketing to the producer, resulting in potentially significant cost savings for municipalities.

EPR incentivizes producers to make and sell products that are more durable, reusable and recyclable. As a result significant progress can be made to divert waste away from landfills which supports the sustainability objectives of our community. EPR will foster harmonization and waste diversion programs across the province which contributes to the Government of Alberta's waste diversion and climate change goals.

EPR also supports the creation of sustainable jobs, reduces waste management costs for local governments and tax payers, reduces GHG emissions, increases social awareness of recycling and creates social consciousness about consumption.

In 2009, all Canada's provinces, committed through CCME to working towards the development of EPR framework legislation and/or regulations for the implementation of EPR programs for a designated list of priority products and materials. Since then, every province, with the exception of Alberta and the Territories, has developed and implemented EPR legislation for various materials. Many provinces have implemented EPR for printed paper and packaging (PPP) materials. Alberta is the only province west of Quebec where PPP programs remain wholly funded by municipal taxpayers. It is time for the provincial government to act in collaboration with municipalities and private industry to implement a progressive EPR program in this province.

We are excited to join The City of Calgary in its effort to work with the provincial government to develop a solution for establishing an EPR policy and program in Alberta.

Sincerely,

City Manager/Town Manager/County Manager

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