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Hon. Jeff Yurek
Minister of Environment, Conservation and Parks
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Submitted via email: minister.mecp@ontario.ca

Dear Minister Yurek,

Re: RCC Supports the Removal of Refillable Propane Containers from MHSW Regulation

On behalf of the Retail Council of Canada (RCC) and our members operating in Ontario, I would like to confirm our support for the Canadian Propane Association's position on removing refillable propane containers from the scope of the upcoming Municipal Hazardous and Special Waste (MHSW) regulation. Businesses marketing refillable propane containers already have efficient closed loop programs where consumers can have containers refilled or exchanged at retail locations.

These types of programs ensure materials are handled safely while helping to reduce waste and promote a circular economy. As such, we believe it is unnecessary for refillable propane containers to be designated under the regulation, as they already have well established systems with widespread consumer awareness. In addition, very little used containers end up not being captured by the current closed loop system.

Please do not hesitate to contact me should you have any questions following our comments.

Best regards,



Philippe Cantin

Senior Director, Sustainability Innovation and Circular Economy

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