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FOR A LOCAL MEMBER WHO IS NOT A CABINET MINISTER[Name of Member], M.P.

FOR A LOCAL MEMBER WHO IS A CABINET MINISTER, The Honourable [name], M.P.

House of Commons

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**Re: Single-Used Plastics & Packaging**

Dear [Mr./Mrs./Ms. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_] / FOR A LOCAL MEMBER WHO IS A CABINET MINISTER: Dear Minister \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_,

I am writing on behalf of the [CFUW/UWC\_\_\_\_\_], an affiliate of the Canadian Federation of University Women (CFUW) that works to improve the status of women and to promote human rights, public education, social justice and peace.

At its June 2021 Annual General Meeting, the member Clubs of CFUW called on the Government of Canada, and the Provincial, Territorial, and Municipal Governments to work together to expedite the current ban on single-use plastics and expand it to include all unnecessary non-recyclable plastics. Coupled with the full implementation of Canada’s Plastic Science Agenda and the Zero Plastic Waste agenda, CFUW also urges all levels of government to fully fund the development of school curricula and public education programs to inform Canadians about the dangers of discarded plastic waste and its impact on all life forms, both terrestrial and aquatic. Plastics, plastic packaging, and plastic wrap labelling form a substantial part of non-recycable waste.

We urge you to:

* take immediate action to implement your commitment to targets that will stop plastic waste and the flow of plastics into the environment under the 2018 G7 Ocean Plastics Charter and Canada’s Plastic Science Agenda,
* fund and increase public education programs about the dangers of discarded plastic waste that uses clear labelling for proper disposal of plastic products that targets industry and consumers; encourages behavioural changes and the adoption of sound practices for the consumption, management, and disposal of plastics
* take action to create alternative uses for discarded plastics and biodegradable alternatives through start-up funding to industry and academic researchers to develop novel solutions to the existing plastic waste problem.
* Lastly, expand the Canada-wide strategy on Zero Plastic Waste to include all problematic and non-recyclable plastics such as disposable beverage cups, plastic lids, and plastic packaging and wrapping. These steps that would markedly accelerate the implementation of the targets aimed at reducing waste and pollution in the Ocean Plastics Charter and Canada’s Plastic Science Agenda.

Plastic pollution is a global environmental challenge that requires urgent action. It is past time to reduce our dependence on single-use plastics and mitigate.

We would be pleased to meet to discuss this letter and our concerns at your earliest convenience.

Yours sincerely,

 [NAME OF CLUB PRESIDENT]

President – [Name of Club]