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Statement from Alberta's Beverage Container Recycling Industry on Extended Producer Responsibility Regulations

Alberta's beverage container recycling industry would like to congratulate the Government of Alberta on its action to enhance environmental protection and further the development of a circular economy for plastics and other products.

With the enactment of *Bill 83: the Environmental Protection and Enhancement Amendment Act* on December 2, 2021, and yesterday's introduction of supporting regulations for single use, packaging and paper products and hazardous and special products, Alberta will require the producers of these designated products to manage them into the post-consumer phase. This is a forward-thinking shift in Alberta's approach to waste management that encourages producers to consider the full life cycle of their products, to ensure Albertans have reasonable access to collection and recycling services, and to enhance environmental protection.

As an industry with a 50-year history of successfully collecting and recycling beverage containers across the province, we are pleased to see Alberta's support for Extended Producer Responsibility and applaud the Government of Alberta for showing commitment to the zero plastic waste outcomes identified by the Canadian Council of Ministers of the Environment.

We are committed to working closely with the Government of Alberta and the Alberta Recycling Management Authority to support Alberta's transition to Extended Producer Responsibility and once again congratulate the government on this important milestone!

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