



Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks

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Dear Mr. Phillips,

You may have read Jennifer Well's article in the Toronto Star on April 27th where she talks about "Canada's odious, and odorous, reputation" for trash. The GTA, Toronto and its surrounding municipalities have a garbage problem. Sadly for the world outside that area, Toronto wants to ship it "out of sight and out of mind".

I am writing you to remind you that garbage doesn't go away. Walker Industries plans to ship garbage from Toronto to Oxford County. In response to that "odious and odorous" idea, people all over Southwestern Ontario have been kicking up a stink. We say "No" to antiquated and ultimately destructive ideas: using the 401 as a garbage chute for Toronto's waste can only continue to trash Ontario's reputation.

That is why I invite you to move forward swiftly with new and appropriate technologies and systems to reduce waste, to eradicate litter, to push producers to full responsibility for products. That would include, of course, refusing Walker's dump plan. Their plan is to pummel the 401 with 340 truck trips a day, to punish people who make a real effort at zero waste by dumping urban waste on them, and to add insult to injury by hauling contaminated dirt to layer into the garbage. That's extremely dangerous, odious and you should prevent it.

Sincerely,

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