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<u>**VIA E-MAIL ONLY TO Devyani.Anandjit@ontario.ca**</u>

October 7, 2020

Ministry of the Attorney General
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720 Bay Street, 10th Floor
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Attention: Devyani Anandjit

Dear Ms. Anandjit:

Re: **The Regional Municipality of Niagara – Set Fine Application**
       Part 1, *Provincial Offences Act*
       A By-law to Regulate the Use of the Waste Management System
       for The Regional Municipality of Niagara

Further to your request of October, 5, 2020, enclosed please find a revised Consolidated Set Fine Schedule.

With respect to the proposed increased set fine of $1,000 for illegal dumping, we note that Niagara Region is entering into a new waste management contract with service changes including every-other-week garbage collection, limitations on large item collection and discontinuation of large appliance and metal household item collection. The proposed increased fines are intended to provide a greater deterrant in the face of these service changes.   Illegal dumping remains an ongoing and serious problem within the Region and the increased set fine confirms Niagara Region's commitment to change the attitude of future dumpers.

Illegal dumping has both an economic and environmental impact on local communities. Property values may decrease if neighboring vacant lots or rural areas are aesthetically displeasing and foul-smelling due to regular illegal dumping. Such illegal dumpsites pollute the natural environment through soil and water contamination and wildlife disruption. In deterring would-be illegal dumpers with an increased set fine amount, the Region's financial and resource burden required to investigate and clean up illegal dumping issues for both Niagara Region and the local area municipalities would be eased.

Should you require anything further, please advise.

Yours truly,

Patricia D'Souza
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