

Petition To the Legislative Assembly of Ontario

WHEREAS Ontario's tire recycling system, governed under Tire Regulation (O. Reg. 225/18), has failed to ensure accountability, transparency, and environmental protection; and

WHEREAS private Producer Responsibility Organizations (PROs) and manufacturers have created a system that prioritizes private interests over environmental responsibility, resulting in inconsistent service levels, inadequate support for municipalities and small businesses, and weak enforcement by the Resource Productivity and Recovery Authority (RPRA); and

WHEREAS communities across Ontario continue to face risks of tire fires, pollution, illegal dumping, and reputational harm to Ontario's leadership in recycling; and

WHEREAS the Stewardship and Recycling Accountability Act proposes a government-managed stewardship framework that ring-fences Environmental Handling Fees (EHFs), establishes public processing and stockpile management sites, protects independent haulers, and ensures transparent, accountable, and environmentally safe recycling operations;

THEREFORE, we, the undersigned, petition the Legislative Assembly of Ontario to:

- Replace the current producer-managed tire recycling framework with a government-managed stewardship system as outlined in the Stewardship and Recycling Accountability Act.
- Require that all Environmental Handling Fees (EHFs) be ring-fenced into a provincially administered Stewardship Escrow Fund, managed by an independent, reputable external accounting firm responsible for allocating and issuing payments to haulers, collectors, processors, and remediation operations.
- Guarantee that haulers may pick up tires from any collector and deliver them to any licensed processor without interference, restriction, or forced routing by private organizations.
- Establish public processing plants and public stockpile management sites in major municipalities to ensure stable, transparent, and environmentally safe recycling capacity.

- Ensure timely, standardized, and fair payment to haulers and processors through the independent accounting firm, eliminating market manipulation, payment delays, and discriminatory practices.
- Limit the role of the Resource Productivity and Recovery Authority (RPRA) to compliance oversight, including quarterly verification of tire collection, transportation, and processing to ensure environmental safety and regulatory adherence.
- Provide transitional funding to stabilize the recycling market, eliminate legacy stockpiles, and support municipalities and recyclers during the shift to a government-managed system.

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