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Arnold Amonson
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Dear Arnold Amonson:

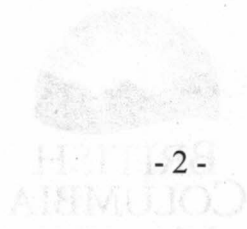
Thank you for your letter of May 9, 2019 addressed to the Honourable George Heyman, Minister of Environment and Climate Change Strategy, regarding the need for more recycling information. Minister Heyman has asked that I respond on his behalf.

The ministry currently ensures the provision of proper recycling information through three distinct channels, which are further explained below:

1. Regional districts are required to ensure citizens are informed of local waste diversion opportunities. It is best to contact the local regional district and/or municipality for specific information;
2. Producers of products and packaging are also required to inform consumers of where and how to recycle. This is done through a variety of extended producer responsibility (EPR) programs identified on our BC EPR Programs website (<https://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/environment/waste-management/recycling/product-stewardship>). More specifically, BC's EPR program for packaging and paper products (PPP) is operated by Recycle BC. You can visit their website at recyclebc.ca or contact them by telephone at 1-855-875-3596 or email at info@recyclebc.ca; and
3. The Province supports the Recycling Council of BC, a not-for-profit organization that serves as the largest 'clearinghouse' of all recycling related information in BC. You can contact them at 1-800-667-4321 or visit their website at <http://www.rcbc.ca/>.

Collectively, these information measures are continually advancing the awareness of proper recycling. The ministry recognizes that China's import restrictions place pressure on collection efforts. Ministry staff are monitoring this situation. Your suggestion of a ministry-funded awareness campaign may prove effective; however, the ministry's first preference is to require producers as outlined in number two above to assume the costs of consumer awareness for their programs instead of the general taxpayer.

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I commend the Senior Citizens' Association of BC's well thought out resolution and thank you again for taking the time to write to express your society's interest in ensuring proper recycling and care for the environment.

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Sincerely,

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Assistant Deputy Minister
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