



The Canadian Plastics Industry Praises the Efforts of Manufacturers and the Government of Illinois in Leading the Phase Out of Microbeads in Personal Care Products

TORONTO (June 20, 2014) – In response to the [recent announcement](#) by Illinois Governor Pat Quinn (Senate Bill 2727) to ban the manufacture and sale of personal care products containing synthetic plastic microbeads, the Canadian Plastics Industry Association (CPIA) provides the following statement:

“As part of our ongoing commitment to reduce plastic marine litter, the CPIA and its member companies support the recent decision by the State of Illinois, and we commend Governor Pat Quinn for building on the voluntary efforts of personal care product makers to continue the phase out of microbeads from personal care products. Through the CPIA, Canada’s plastics industry is a signatory to the “[Global Declaration on Solutions for Marine Litter](#),” which has been signed by more than 60 plastics associations in 34 countries. This group of associations leads and supports more than 180 projects focused on researching, preventing or reducing marine debris around the globe. On a national level, CPIA members prevent plastics from becoming marine debris by promoting the proper use, handling, recycling and recovery of these valuable materials. Our members undertake these activities as part of good operational practices and industry initiatives, such as Responsible Care® and Operation Clean Sweep®.”

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