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Regional Councillor Mr. Vito Spatafora
Chair - Environmental Services Committee
The Regional Municipality of York
C/O Office of the Regional Clerk
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Newmarket, ON., L3Y 6Z1

Dear Councillor Spatafora:

I am one of several hundred licensed Plumbers that operate within the Region of York. As we communicated with you last September, I and my colleagues continue to be concerned that the York Council is considering endorsement of a by-law that would ban the future installation of food waste grinders, or disposers, in homes within the Region.

We continue to advise strongly that the York Council reject the proposed ban, based on our industry's knowledge of the issues of concern, as well as experience with the installation and actual use of disposers.

The Plumbing Heating and Cooling Council – the research and policy arm of the plumbing industry – published a compilation of research related to the use of disposers that carefully reviewed many of the issues of apparent concern to York staff, and was instrumental in achieving the rescinding of New York City's ban on disposers in combined sewer areas in 1997 following its comprehensive review, a demonstration project, and conservative projections about potential impacts.

Since then, we are aware of the continuing technical research and best practice experience from around the world that continues to support the use of disposers as an important environmental appliance, and a growing number of municipal endorsements from Sweden to China.

In addition to other unintended consequences of the Council's ban, we are especially concerned about the potential loss of business to our firms.

We respectfully request that the York Council reject this poorly-conceived by-law, returning to the status quo of no restrictions on the installation of household disposers.

Sincerely yours,

cc Mr. Bill Fisch, Chairman and Chief Executive Officer

Mr. Bruce Macgregor, Chief Administrative officer

Environmental Services Committee members

Regional Clerk

Regards,

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