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Nechako **Waste Reduction** Initiative

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Honourable George Heyman
Minister of Environment and Climate Change Strategy
Room 112 Parliament Buildings
Victoria, BC
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Dear Minister Heyman,

The Nechako Waste Reduction Initiative (NWRI) would like to express our concern and frustration over the lack of any opportunity for the local Industrial Commercial Institution (ICI) sector to recycle their paper and boxboard packaging.

It is estimated that the ICI Sector generates approximately 40% of the total materials throughout our region. Most of this ends up in our landfills as there are no recycling opportunities available. This situation is especially sad in our schools where students are taught to respect the environment and Reduce, Reuse and Recycle. Having no alternative but to then throw waste paper and boxboard packaging in the garbage is ludicrous!

Unfortunately this problem is not unique to the Vanderhoof area. Most communities outside the lower mainland are experiencing this same problem. Leadership is required to correct this situation. We believe that you, as our Minister of Environment and Climate Change Strategy, possess the vision, the drive and the foresight to correct this ridiculous situation and seek viable and reasonable solutions.

The NWRI is therefore urging you to mandate Recycle BC into accepting ICI paper and boxboard products. We would also appreciate your help to encourage the Regional District Bulkley Nechako to build a Waste Consolidation Centre at our Vanderhoof Transfer Station as soon as possible. We would like to see this Centre have the ability to compact both residential and ICI used paper, cardboard and plastic products. This will allow these products to be shipped to Recycle BC markets in an economic and efficient manner.

Yours truly,

Members of the Nechako Waste Reduction Initiative

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