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Dear Mr. Roach,

The PEI Women's Institute Provincial Board of Directors, on behalf of its members across Prince Edward Island, wish to thank you for your recent tabling of the *Plastic Bag Reduction Act*.

Our membership represents close to 80 Women's Institute branches throughout PEI and when combined outnumber the total of towns, cities and municipalities resulting in a large representation of Islanders and their families - and as such we want to collectively applaud your efforts in bringing forward the private member's bill on the *Plastic Bag Reduction Act*.

This year, Women's Institute will be celebrating the 45th Anniversary of the WI Roadside Cleanup and when this bill goes through, it could be earmarked in future promotions during the much sought after and highly prominent Island wide WI Cleanup.

Countless volunteer hours have gone into those collections by Islanders for close to half a century. Those individuals, families, groups of friends, and organizations have consistently reported a remarkable increase in a variety of single use plastics found along our roadsides. Plastic grocery bags, plastic bottles and refreshment cups present in litter alone have reached an all time high, and the tabled *Plastic Bag Reduction Act* will assist in a reduction and protecting the environmental and agricultural landscapes of Prince Edward Island.

We do see this as a first step, actually a beginning step in reductions of plastic use, so again, on behalf of our membership, thank you for being a pioneer in bringing this forward in the Province's Legislature.

Sincerely,

Doreen Cole,
PEIWI Board Member and WI Provincial Environment Chair

cc *Legislative Assembly of PEI*