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To Whom It May Concern,

On behalf of the Association of Manitoba Municipalities (AMM), I am writing to provide some comments regarding Bill 37: *The Environmental Statutes Amendment Act*.

Firstly, the AMM would like to thank the Department for meeting with our organization in April to provide a technical briefing on the proposed legislation. We also appreciate the Department's efforts to communicate details of the legislation through the monthly CAO call hosted by the Department of Municipal and Northern Relations, which helped ensure municipal feedback and insights could be shared and provided municipalities with an opportunity to ask questions directly.

While the AMM and municipalities support transparency and environmental accountability, we encourage the Province to ensure that any information available through an expanded public registry is implemented in a balanced and collaborative manner. In particular, consideration should be given to the operational realities municipalities face in managing increasingly complex environmental and engineering obligations. Municipalities continue to face significant financial and administrative pressures in operating and maintaining waste disposal grounds and other environmental infrastructure — concerns that have been consistently raised with the Province over the years.

Therefore, the AMM encourages the Province to maintain an education-first enforcement approach focused on awareness and compliance support rather than punitive measures. We also recommend establishing clear criteria outlining when information may be publicly posted, as well as providing municipalities with an opportunity to respond prior to publication to ensure appropriate context and procedural fairness are considered.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide these comments. We look forward to continued collaboration with the Province to ensure that the implementation of Bill 37 is practical and reflective of municipal realities.



Respectfully and sincerely,

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