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Ms. Shari Sookhoo  
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Dear Ms. Sookhoo:

**Re: Proposal to Extend the Moratorium on Water-Bottling Permits,  
ERO 013-3974**

The Canadian Environmental Law Association (CELA) strongly supports the Ministry of Environment, Conservation and Park's (MECP) proposal to extend the moratorium for water-bottling permits until January 1, 2020.

The extension will allow the Ministry more time to gain an understanding of the state of water resources in the province. CELA was very supportive of the Ministry's decision to establish a moratorium on water bottling permits until January 1, 2019 via O.Reg 463/16 and our earlier comments dated November 30, 2016, are attached. Our comments apply equally to the current proposal to extend the moratorium.

We believe that a thorough review of the programs and policies as well as the science used to manage water-takings in Ontario, is imperative and are pleased to see the Ministry is undertaking this much-needed review.

Yours truly,

**CANADIAN ENVIRONMENTAL LAW ASSOCIATION**



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