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Margo Wagner, Chair  
and Directors  
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Dear Chair Wagner and Directors:

I am writing to express my thanks to the Cariboo Regional District for actively seeking to address food waste and, in turn, for your support of the Love Food, Hate Waste campaign.

Through prevention, diversion and regulatory updates, the Ministry of Environment and Climate Change Strategy is moving towards a provincial target of 50 percent food waste reduction by 2030 to help reduce greenhouse gas emissions and the wasted resources and environmental impacts associated with food waste.

The Province recognizes the need to curb food waste; one-third of all food produced globally is lost or wasted. In Canadian households this equates to \$17 billion of food that could have been eaten, but is simply thrown away. The Love Food, Hate Waste initiative also supports our CleanBC strategy in reducing greenhouse gas emissions in BC. Every tonne of household food waste that is avoided is the equivalent of taking one car off the road each year. Therefore, tackling BC's avoidable household food waste would be equivalent to taking approximately 300,000 cars off the road. Reducing food waste can save money for farmers, businesses and households; alleviate pressure on climate, water and land resources; and increase food security.

Your government's support is a valuable contribution to efforts to tackle avoidable food waste, as we build a more sustainable and resilient British Columbia and move towards a low carbon future. Government, businesses, not-for-profit organizations and individuals all have a role to play in the prevention of waste. As the Minister of Environment and Climate Change Strategy, I am encouraged by the level of support and number of municipalities and regional districts that have signed on and I look forward to continuing to work with the Cariboo Regional District in securing a more sustainable future.

Sincerely,

George Heyman  
Minister