

## RESPONSE TO PETITION

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HOUSE OF COMMONS  
CHAMBRE DES COMMUNES  
CANADA

PETITION No.: 421-00778

BY: Ms. MAY (SAANICH-GULF ISLANDS)

DATE: OCTOBER 19, 2016

PRINT NAME OF SIGNATORY: SIGNED BY THE HONOURABLE SCOTT BRISON

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Response by the President of the Treasury Board

SIGNATURE  
Minister or Parliamentary Secretary

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SUBJECT

Government Spending

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ORIGINAL TEXT

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REPLY

Government efforts to reduce the use of bottled water in the workplace have included the refitting of water fountains so that reusable bottles can be more easily filled, renovations to the plumbing of buildings to provide improved access to drinking water, and newly designed office spaces with increased accessibility of water fountains. As a result, more public servants are able to use reusable bottles.

Bottled water is used when necessary for health considerations, during large events, or when potable drinking water is not accessible.

The Government has clearly reaffirmed Canada's commitment to the environment and has a responsibility to Canadians to enhance clean growth by pursuing green solutions wherever possible.

In her mandate letter, the Minister of Environment and Climate Change was tasked to take the lead in implementing the Government's plan for a clean environment and a sustainable economy.

The Centre for Greening Government is being created at the Treasury Board Secretariat to track our emissions centrally, coordinate efforts across government, and drive results to make sure we meet our objectives.