

# Peoples Forum Turner finds an ally

The Editor:  
I've noticed recent letters to the editor criticizing Garth Turner M.P., and I felt that it would be appropriate to share my experiences.

My company, Purity Life Health Products, imports and distributes to health food stores, doctors and other health care practitioners coast to coast. We sell foods, body care, herbs, vitamins and ecological products which are organic, non-allergenic and speciality. As they are imported, most of which from the U.S., the labels are conforming with U.S. regulations, but not always Canadian regulations (lack of french, metric, different

nutrient declarations requirements).

Our problems started one year ago when Consumer and Corporate Affairs (CCA) decided to crack down on all imports coming into Canada not properly labelled, and suddenly we and our entire industry had problems.

We have always been able to get U.S. suppliers to do Canadian labels on large volume items, but in our industry there are lots of small volume items that would cost too much to relabel, yet if we were to lose them we would be out of business.

On behalf of Purity Life and our industry (The Canadian Health Food Association) I approached Garth Turner, who took the time

to understand our situation. Garth knew I have worked for the Liberals in the past, yet his support of us has been excellent. We do have a legitimate point of view and concern, and he has on our behalf met with the Minister of Consumer Affairs, Pierre Blais and arranged meetings between myself and members of our industry with senior people at CCA in Ottawa.

As a result of these meetings we are in a dialogue, there is an understanding of our situations, and we are expecting a solution that is win, win for everyone.

Garth Turner, in fact, most M.P.'s, regardless of their party work hard for their constituents, and are continually torn between the demands of various, often conflicting groups. Garth Turner listens, and makes it clear that he will only support situations that are reasonable and fair, and I respect him for it.

A quick word about the G.S.T. In spite of the flaws, it is vastly fairer than the present F.S.T. program which is so unfair that people would be far angrier at the way it is applied than the G.S.T. if they knew, but since its hidden they don't. Our problem as a country is that we insist on a full range of government programs and yet don't want to pay for them. Universal medicare is the worst example - a monster gone mad. People that need help should get it but universality is not necessary and promotes waste and inefficiency. So until we stop wanting "the government" to look after us, we can expect G.S.T. and more.

Garth Turner is one man who is trying to help, and I feel is effective at it. He could break with his party, which would mean he wouldn't be listened to, or he can work within it. By working within it, he is able to make his views known and have some influence. Garth is a man of principals and deserves our admiration and respect. He has mine.

Your truly,  
David Chapman.  
Acton.

## Objection withdrawn

Editor's note: The following letter was forwarded to the Halton Hills Herald for publication.

Dear Russ:

It is with great reluctance, after much contemplation, that I am withdrawing my objection to the "Holcro Senior Citizens" project changes in the "official plan" of this town, disturb me greatly.

Main Street South and Maple Avenue West still do not, in my opinion, seem to be an ideal loca-

tion for a project of this type.

However, for several reasons, not least of which, is the waste of the taxpayers hard-earned money on an OMB hearing, I am officially withdrawing my objection.

Your confirmation that the Town would proceed to notify me, regarding the processing of the site plan processing etc., will still be respected, I hope.

Sincerely,  
Mrs. Joan Breckenridge  
Georgetown

## EAGLE queries Loblaw's

Dear Sir:

Dianne Van de Valk raised a very valid point in her article regarding Loblaw's "rewarding" shoppers who reuse plastic bags. As a consumer who uses string bags, I wholeheartedly supporter her position that we get serious about the environment.

This conflict of Loblaw's "green" policy is not the only one.

paper cost 66% more than their non-recycled paper. As an article in the business magazine, Moneywise, previously stated that recycled paper costs less to produce, we believed an explanation was in order.

EAGLE is still waiting for a written response. We did note that the name brand recycled toilet tissue in question did disappear off the shelf within two weeks of our enquiry.

Sincerely,  
Pat Woode,  
Halton Hills.

On July 6, 1990, EAGLE wrote to Loblaw's Companies Ltd. complaining that their recycled toilet

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Whereas the Council for the Town of Halton Hills acknowledges the need to increase the awareness of area residents of the growing problems of waste management;

And whereas, the Town of Halton Hills in the Region of Halton recognizes that reduction, re-use and recycling contributes positively toward resource and energy conservation, waste reduction and economic development;

And whereas, our Municipality participates in recycling programs and supports recycling;

Therefore, be it resolved that I, Russell Miller, of Halton Hills do hereby proclaim the week of Nov. 19 to 25, 1990 as the 6th Annual Recycling Week.

**"The Future is R's"**

**R. Miller  
Mayor**