



## Plastics

Election 2019

***Our Ask:*** That you work collaboratively with industry to find evidence-based solutions to reduce and mitigate the use of plastics.

### BACKGROUND

- The Canadian produce industry has been deeply engaged across all segments of the supply chain to reduce and mitigate the use of plastics.
- On June 4<sup>th</sup>, 2019, CPMA announced the creation of a new Plastic Packaging Working Group to chart a path forward on the use of plastics within the industry.
- CPMA has deliberately taken a leadership role in this space in order to meet consumer and societal demands and reduce the industry's impact on the environment.

consider the food safety and food security implications of reducing the use of plastics for fresh produce.

- Additionally, CPMA encourages political parties to commit to putting in place dedicated funding for industry research and innovation to facilitate the transition away from single-use plastics towards more sustainable and environmentally friendly options.

### ACTION REQUIRED

- To be successful in reducing the use of plastics, industry and government collaboration is essential to achieve long-term, sustainable change.
- CPMA is eager to work closely with government to find solutions that are evidence-based and include a combination of education, innovation, and effective recycling collection within communities across Canada.
- It is also critical that government commit to working with industry to find solutions that