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Attn: Kirsten Walli
Re. OEB Case Number EB-2014-0039

Dear Ms. Walli:

I am communicating with the Ontario Energy Board today to express my opposition to Enbridge's recent application for a substantial rate hike on its provision of natural gas to Ontario consumers.

I represent a riding in west-end Toronto that is home to approximately 116,000 individuals and 46,000 households. My riding has the second-lowest average household income in all of Ontario. Many of those who heat their homes with natural gas will be unable to afford the 40 per cent increase Enbridge is asking for – which reportedly would translate into an average increase of \$400 on a household's annual heating bill.

A significant number of my constituents are on fixed incomes, including seniors who wish to remain in their homes but who are finding it increasingly difficult to do so due primarily to rising utility costs. Simply put, Enbridge's application will drive some of these seniors out of their homes.

I want to point out that in its most recent financial quarter, Enbridge's gas distribution division reported a profit of \$67-million, which was an increase from the same period the prior year. And its shareholders received a quarterly dividend of 35 cents per share. I would suggest that this does not seem like a business entity that needs to increase the amount it charges consumers by such a drastic amount – especially for such an essential commodity as natural gas.

In closing, I urge the OEB to deny Enbridge's application.

Sincerely,

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