



Canadian Oil Heat Association – Ontario Chapter

Re: EB-2016-0004

March 2, 2016

Andrea Labelle
Executive Director
Canadian Propane Association | Association Canadienne du Propane
616-130 rue Albert St., Ottawa ON K1P 5G4

Dear Andrea,

We are writing to express our concerns about current plans for natural gas expansion, partially funded by Ontario taxpayers. We feel that the government need not spend taxpayers' dollars to support one fuel type over another.

We support the Canadian Propane Association's position and ask the government to pay down the provinces debt instead of giving it away to well-funded natural gas companies.

Natural gas expansion will create large scale job losses for businesses like ours, which operate in and support rural communities. Additionally, the number of direct jobs created by the proposed natural gas expansion will not be enough to replace them.

A quarter of a million Ontario households use fuel oil to keep them warm in the winter. We urge you to carefully consider all aspects of these programs and their impacts on taxpayers, communities and existing businesses.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "SK", enclosed in a light gray rectangular box.

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