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Kirsten Walli Board Secretary Ontario Energy Board P.O. Box 2319 2300 Yonge Street Toronto, ON, M4P 1E4

Dear Ms. Walli:

I recently read about your board's proceedings EB-2016-0004 regarding the expansion of natural gas distribution. I am aware that Enbridge Gas Distribution has made a submission as part of the proceedings for the need to make changes to the existing economic feasibility guidelines that govern natural gas expansion in Ontario.

I regularly hear from constituents who have called for the need to expand natural gas to rural communities, including Dufferin County in my riding of Dufferin-Caledon. As you are no doubt aware natural gas is a cost effective option compared to electricity and heating oil. In addition, it is a cleaner source of energy compared to propane and heating oil. While many Ontarians are able to enjoy the use of natural gas to heat their home, it is important that we provide Ontarians with options to access clean and affordable energy, like natural gas.

That is why I encourage you to review the current guidelines to ensure natural gas expansion projects in rural areas remain economically feasible.

I look forward to hearing from you soon.

Sincerely,

Sylvia Jones MPP
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