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It's extremely unlikely that anything anyone in this Province says or does will influence any decision that the OEB makes with respect to this upcoming Notice of Application. We consumers can only hope that the OEB seriously considers yet another attack on our wallets as Enbridge and others seek to pass on to consumers another "tax" in the form of their cap-and-trade policy. Keep in mind that we are already facing a new carbon tax, effective Jan 1, 2017, that holds the unenviable record of "allowing" Ontarians to pay tax on a tax! This new 6% increase that Enbridge and others are seeking will once again be subject not only to the HST, but also to the 4.5% "carbon tax" because it will, no doubt, be "buried" somewhere in the base price of the gas. Or am I reading this incorrectly?

This Liberal government is becoming so desperate to balance its books that it continues to look at more and more novel ways to generate income on our backs. How can the OEB, in its supposed role of advocating for the citizens and tax payers of Ontario, allow, or even consider, this new demand by the energy companies? When did the OEB last make a decision of importance that benefitted Ontarians?

You need to do the right thing and dismiss these attempts to impose even more hardship on Ontarians, particularly seniors like me and my wife who are finding it more and more difficult to keep up with these demands. We are probably a little more fortunate than some in that we have managed to save a little over the years, but now I'm faced with the challenge of having to pull more and more out of my savings to pay these bills. That will have the undoubted effect of ensuring that our savings run out sooner, thereby potentially imposing more financial strain on the Province to care for us towards the ends of our lives, never mind the mental stresses that such care will bring forward. That's not how I envisaged spending the last years of our lives.

Perhaps the Ontario government (and the Federal government too) will, if it chooses to allow these increases to go through, allow us seniors to claim our energy expenses on our income tax returns. (Please don't mention the pittance that we are already allowed - it really is nothing more than a drop in the bucket.) A simple way for you to consider the harmful financial effects that your policies are having on seniors.

Thank you, and looking forward to a positive outcome for consumers for once.

Yours truly,

Ivan Solomons

