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Hello,

I am a disabled only parent to a minor child. Ten years ago, I bought a house outside the city to lower our cost of living -- and to work on paying down a mortgage so my child would not someday be stuck with an ill and unstably housed elderly parent.

We are now sadly hoping to sell our house, which we expect to lose quite a bit of money on, as few will want the outrageous bills that come with it. We may well be stuck here...

The most enraging thing is that we do absolutely everything possible to reduce our power usage, and our bills just continue to rise.

We do not live on a far-flung rural acreage. We are forty minutes away from downtown Ottawa, in a very old village, in an old house that has had electricity since it became available. It is not as though we are isolated and delusional about the costs of utilities reaching us. We are a five minute drive away from the Hydro One boundary here, and would be considerably better off if our house was relocated five minutes away.

I did not expect to raise my child with constant worry about mounting bills for a basic, critical service, and it is miserable to do so.

I find it particularly galling that Hydro One would seek to increase rates for reconnections -- they are clearly out of touch with the struggles of their clientele.

We have nothing but rage and upset over the terrible position Hydro One has put us in. We love our home and community -- my daughter cries over any discussion of moving -- but Hydro One and the

provincial government are apparently hell-bent on ruining rural communities. The eventual result will no doubt be a lot of people leaving these communities, with a lot less equity to retire on than they had hoped -- to say nothing of the massive burdens shouldered by businesses and farms here. Ontario presumably enjoys eating affordable food -- it should not make life untenable for its farmers, and their neighbours who provide them with needed services.

The province desperately needs to remove necessary services from greedy public hands, and get to work re-structuring electrical distribution.

(Though, having a small income, I did have a good laugh over the \$30/month "relief" recently supplied by the province. This is so small, and the cost so high, that it is a completely meaningless gesture. Unfortunately.)

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