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Ms. Christine Long
Board Secretary, Ontario Energy Board
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Dear Ms. Long,

At its Annual General Meeting of Tuesday November 26, 2019, the Hamilton Chapter, Council of Canadians voted unanimously to request an oral hearing in the matter of Enbridge's intention to move fracked gas across rural Flamborough (2021 Dawn Parkway Expansion Project).

For nearly 35 years, the non-partisan Council of Canadians has stood for the democratic values Canadians hold dear; thus, we expect open and transparent processes from our public servants. Enbridge, the largest pipeline company in North America, plans 48-inch pipeline construction that alone would cause 10 kilometres of 30-metre-wide destruction, translating into certain risk of habitat harm to endangered species such as the Jefferson Salamander. This pipeline would go across lands protected by three different Conservation Authorities, posing a direct threat to Hamilton's sensitive wetlands and the safety of its groundwater.

We take very seriously these significant threats to the lands we are sworn to protect in the Dish With One Spoon wampum belt agreement. Creating new infrastructure to transport fracked gas, already banned in several jurisdictions in North America, flies in the face of science, Hamilton City's climate emergency declaration, and the public good which requires not expansion by companies like Enbridge, but for society to reduce demand for fossil fuels through energy efficiencies, and for companies like Enbridge to invest in green energy sources and their infrastructure. For all these reasons, the Hamilton Chapter of the Council of Canadians respectfully and urgently request that the Ontario Energy Board hold an open and transparent hearing for "Dawn Parkway," and that it invite the public to attend.

How dangerously the future dawns depends on what we do today! Depends on you heeding the voices of climate sanity and democracy here in Hamilton.

Yours truly,

Mary Love, for the Hamilton Chapter, Council of Canadians