

Hello Ms. Long,

I am a resident of Hamilton, Ontario. From what I understand, the OEB is currently deciding whether a proposal by Enbridge to construct a gas pipeline across a stretch of Ontario that includes rural Hamilton should be subject to a full oral hearing or need only be assessed via written submissions. I am writing to encourage you to subject it to a full oral hearing. Much of the land that it crosses is ecologically significant.

Moreover, this is a new pipeline, and a large one, and *any* infrastructure project that will increase the amount of fossil fuels being burned must, in this era of rapidly worsening climate crisis, be treated as a very serious issue and subjected to the most rigorous of scrutiny. There is, I think, a public interest in making the process as open and transparent as possible, and an oral hearing would be a step in that direction.

Thank-you,

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