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**Subject:** Request for an Oral hearing respecting Enbridge 2021 Dawn Parkway Ezpansion Project

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Re: Enbridge Gas Inc. – 2021 Dawn Parkway Expansion Project

Dear Ms Long,

With respect to the above noted project proposal, the Hamilton 350 Committee urges the Ontario Energy Board to require a full public oral hearing. The company's request for a written hearing with a very short timeline is unreasonable and should not be agreed to by the OEB.

The Hamilton 350 Committee has a decade-long history engaging and educating the public about the threat of climate change and what can be done in response. We were founded in 2009 at the initiative of half a dozen local organizations and have met at least once in nearly every month since. We have made frequent delegations to Hamilton City Council, and have organized numerous public meetings, demonstration, pickets and other activities. These are often held in conjunction with other groups including the McMaster Centre for Climate Change, Extinction Rebellion, KAIROS, and many others. Some of our members serve on a climate advisory committee for the federal minister of labour, the Honourable Filomena Tassi.

Our fundamental concern with the Enbridge proposal is that it clearly ignores the global consensus that we have a climate emergency and must stop using fossil fuels such as natural gas as quickly as possible. The Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change issued a severe warning more than a year ago that carbon emissions must be slashed in half over the next eleven years. Allowing the construction of new infrastructure with very long expected lifetimes is simply unacceptable. The climate crisis is already so severe that we are now literally fighting to save human civilization.

The OEB must consider the climate emergency – now echoed even by the Government of Canada – in its review of all energy projects. It is unthinkable in 2019 that an energy regulator could ignore this existential threat to human civilization. Expanding fossil fuel infrastructure is clearly not in the public interest and indeed in our view will very soon be seen as a criminal activity.

We have delegated several times to Hamilton City Council about this proposed Enbridge pipeline. Six months ago, Hamilton council and the council of the city of Burlington received a detailed report on how each city will drastically cut the use of fossil fuels across their communities over the next three decades. For natural gas, the projected reduction is over 80 percent, and since that report was prepared both cities have committed to even greater reductions – to net zero by 2050.

We have also met with the full authority boards of the Hamilton Conservation Authority, Conservation Halton and the Grand River Conservation Authority. The proposed project promises enormous ecological damage to some of the sensitive lands and waters in Hamilton. The wetlands, forests and other natural ecosystems are highly significant carbon sinks and crucial to protect from the destructive impacts of blasting and bulldozing a new pipeline.

Sincerely,

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