

To Christine Long,

I live in Hamilton and my family is very upset that a fracking pipeline would be considered at all in a city that has recognized the current "Global Climate Crisis" as being an "emergency". Maybe you haven't been reading the science concerning the ongoing warming trend that is taking place around the Earth and the chaos this is causing across the globe in the form of serious climatic disasters? When is the Ontario Energy Board going to recognize this climate crisis and realize that adding major new pipelines, especially for fracked products, is dangerous to the health of people? Please stop proposing new pipelines that will only serve to exacerbate the climate crisis and threaten my family's future security!

I would rather have blackouts everyday than add to the possibly already irreversible climate crisis we are now experiencing around the world. Listen to our youth who are crying for you to save their futures, and possibly their lives in the future. Learn the science of what you are proposing every time you think a new pipeline is 'necessary' -- it is only necessary to stop building new pipelines and transition to alternative energy sources.

You are paid by our taxes to help provide safe services. We depend upon you to make smart decisions but you are failing us now. We whole-heartedly disagree with your proposed fracking pipeline in Hamilton. We do not want it!

I started studying climate change at the University of Waterloo in the 1980's and I have watched the predictions made then come to pass... and much worse. The Arctic ice will be entirely gone soon, insect, waterfowl and amphibian population are under various serious threats. Extinctions are on the increase each year and humankind is at the end of that line.

Will you be a publicly funded organization that helped create this problem and then continued to ignore climate change science just when we've reached the most critical time to turn it around? Become a public champion and take climate change seriously -- we need to stop endorsing the use of fossil fuels, eliminate our dependency on them, and find solid alternatives **RIGHT NOW**.

There is no time to waste and you can help so much! This includes a real climate threat to your own life, your own future, your own family's future... so why are you not understanding the true science, the true threat that continued fossil fuel use has created?

It is already desperate, it may already be too late... but we need to try to save ourselves or at least delay the inevitable. **PLEASE** do not build this fracking pipeline through Hamilton. Please from myself, please from my husband, please from my children, please, please, please. I beg you to think harder and do better for all mankind.

We don't **NEED** oil to survive, we need clean necessities of air to breath, water to drink and soil to grow food and provide shelter & clothing materials. I learned about the possibility of Hurricane Katrina as an undergraduate student long before it happened -- it was predicted accurately. Now the predictions for our future are dire... and the one most important action we can take to try and fight this awful climatic trend is to **KEEP THE REST OF THE OIL IN THE GROUND**.

Basically, we need to find alternatives immediately or else we will go extinct as well, and much sooner than you think. Climate Change means climate variability that is less predictable than ever before and more violent than ever before. The scariest fact is that this will accelerate exponentially, it is not a linear scale. This means that every year, climate change will get worse faster than the year before ... every year from now on unless we stop using fossil fuels as our primary source of energy.

Get on board to save us now. Please stop proposing any new fossil fuel infrastructure! Use our money to develop better alternative energy sources like cars that run on electricity or hydrogen with a provincial network that supports that, as just one example. We shouldn't extract fossil fuels at all, especially by fracking as we aren't even sure about all the environmental damage this newer extraction technique causes. Start caring about our natural environment which sustains our lives -- it is a necessity to keep our natural resources healthy. Without them, we cannot survive. You must know this!

Please stop the fracking pipeline in Hamilton. We don't want it!!! Our current Premier is a climate change denier and so, we do not believe he is well informed enough to make the best decisions for our future. Please let the science lead you in your decision making... please!

Sincerely and with despair,
The Folkes family
Life-long residents of Hamilton, Ontario