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The Ontario Energy Board

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As a concerned Ontario citizen, I am writing to ask you to put a stop to the plan by Enbridge Gas to build a huge new gas pipeline through a provincially significant wetland in Hamilton. This pipeline will be used to import American fracked gas into Ontario in order to enable an increase of the output of our polluting gas-fired power plants by up to 400%.

The project will raise the cost of gas to Ontarians by \$120 million, in order to subsidize the transport of fracked gas from Pennsylvania gas, much of which will be sent to the eastern United States through Ontario, by going around states like New York that don't want to build the pipelines themselves. It will also threaten a provincially significant wetland (PSW) and the three watersheds connected to it. The Beverly Swamp PSW is a major ecological & hydrological feature and enhances the region's biodiversity and resilience. It should not be subjected to the risk associated with pipeline installation. Pipelines rupture, leak and spill on a near-daily basis in North America. This magnificent and unique wetland should not be put at risk in this way.

The pipeline is particularly unnecessary because our energy needs can be met without incurring these financial and environmental costs. By expanding cost effective energy conservation programs and importing low-cost water power from Quebec, Ontario can keep the lights on without increasing its greenhouse gas pollution that our government has promised to reduce.

Please order Enbridge to invest in energy efficiency rather than a destructive pipeline.