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The Ontario Energy Board (OEB) needs to consider the current Climate Crisis first in any decision it makes concerning any pipeline proposal. We, citizens of Hamilton that are seriously concerned about our future in the face of global warming, demand it. The City of Hamilton has officially declared a Climate Crisis here, so it would be extremely irresponsible, immoral and it should be illegal for the OEB to ignore or minimize the Climate Crisis concerning its decisions about this proposed fracked-gas pipeline for Hamilton.

We do not want this pipeline built in Hamilton. We do not want large portions of some of our most pristine natural areas to be destroyed by the construction of or leakage from this proposed pipeline. Pipeline construction requires a huge swath of land to be obliterated and just thinking of the environmental irreparable damage that this would cause in Beverly Swamp or any of our protected green spaces, makes us feel sick. There are many rare and sensitive species in this area where in the past, I have helped to regenerate rare plant habitat with the Hamilton Region Conservation Authority and have had tours of private properties where residents have been protecting valuable nature and its human-benefits for decades.

In addition, fracking is a process that releases other gases into the atmosphere which also serve to accelerate the Climate Crisis. Fracking has been banned in some places and should be banned in Ontario too because it causes more harm than good considering the current Climate Crisis. So you see, if the Climate Crisis is continually ignored in all of the OEB's decisions then nothing is being done to fight the Crisis. It is absurd to even ask the question of whether or not the Climate Crisis is relevant in any decision anywhere on Earth at this critical time in human history! Please do not build this pipeline as it would be an injustice to Hamilton and our family. The risks to our

welfare would far outweigh any benefit. There are alternative energies that need more serious consideration and support from the OEB -- ones that would not accelerate the Climate Crisis in the harmful way that this pipeline definitely would.

I am a graduate of the University of Waterloo Environment Faculty, and my son is studying there now. I have witnessed the negative changes that the Climate Crisis has wreaked around the globe for over 50 years. My son is concerned enough about this Crisis to continue looking for solutions today as well. We need to make smarter choices to avert the devastation that this Crisis will cause in our now, 'not so distant' future. We want the OEB to make better decisions based on real science -- which is telling us to stop building fossil fuel infrastructure and develop better alternatives.

Please do not support this new pipeline in Hamilton as it will only serve to break our hearts and accelerate the Climate Crisis which will become serious sooner than previously predicted -- it moves on an exponential scale and so its effects are being felt more and more with each passing year. We can only stop this escalation by transitioning from fossil fuel use to better cleaner alternatives but we have to do this quickly in order to avoid the worst negative impacts of the Climate Crisis.

So please consider the Climate Crisis first in any and all of your decisions concerning this and all other proposed pipelines used for fossil fuel transport. And if the OEB does consider the Climate Crisis with the will to help find solutions for it, then we will look forward to hearing that no new pipelines will be ever be built in Hamilton again.

Very sincerely from Hamilton residents who want a livable future for our generation as well as our children's. This letter is from an educated family of four adults who have lived in the heart of Hamilton for decades. We ask that you rethink and not build this life-damaging pipeline. Humans are part of an ecological linkage that cannot survive when too many links are eliminated -- we are at the end of that chain and it will be the end of life as we know it if the Climate Crisis is continually ignored. We believe seriously enough that we think the Federal Government should mandate that every agency like the OEB have the Climate Crisis in mind at all times and base their decisions on that fact -- first and always.

The Climate Crisis is real and recognized by Hamilton Council, please respect that decision and look for cleaner energy alternatives for our City.

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