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Attention Minister Jeff Yurek,

Cc: Ontario Energy Board

My concerns about the impacts related both to upstream natural gas extraction and the downstream consumption of the natural gas transported through the proposed Dawn Parkway Expansion Project reflect what I research and teach here in the Department of Social Sciences at York University.

My colleagues in the Faculty of Science or the Faculty of Environmental Studies could give you strong evidence about the dangers stemming from our past consumption of fossil fuels -- enough that you might be convinced that our world is in a climate emergency, and any further development of our carbon infrastructure is near suicidal. In any case, the scientific evidence is clear and incontrovertible.

We are certainly long past the point where anyone can justify the construction of a natural gas pipeline on the grounds that is less of a threat than oil or coal, and therefore we should accept the lesser of two evils.

If there is any doubt whatsoever about these points then it is incumbent on the OEB to hold a fully transparent oral hearing.

Meanwhile, I will instruct the 600 students in my course on The Future of Work about why their job outlook is so dismal compared to their European colleagues whose countries have invested in a fossil-free future. And my class on Work for a Change will produce a student handbook on how to address our climate emergency.

Sincerely,

David Langille

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"To be hopeful in bad times is not just foolishly romantic.  
It is based on the fact that human history is a history not only of  
cruelty but also of compassion, sacrifice, courage, kindness...

What we choose to emphasize in this complex history will determine  
our lives. If we see only the worst, it destroys our capacity to  
do something. If we remember those times and places--and there are  
so many--where people have behaved magnificently, this gives us  
the energy to act, and at least the possibility of sending this  
spinning top of a world in a different direction."

Howard Zinn