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**Subject:** Natural gas expansion is no climate solution for Ontario

To Ontario Energy Board,

This past year has made the reality of the climate emergency inescapable. Australian bushfires, droughts in Africa and Central America, floods in the UK and North America, more severe storms in Asia, shrinking ice caps and thawing of permafrost meaning we can no longer deny the obvious and delay action.

BlackRock, Goldman Sachs and JPMorgan Chase are all abandoning investment in fossil fuel projects. Mark Carney warns of stranded assets and bankruptcies for businesses that refuse to transition to a renewable sustainable future. Renewable energy and new battery technology is now more competitive and growing.

Taxpayers will no longer tolerate business plans which place the burden on the public for building a new pipeline or for cleaning up pollution. So no, we will not subsidize (pay higher energy fees) Enbridge, an American company, to build a pipeline through a sensitive environment in Hamilton, Ontario for natural gas from the US.

Environmental impacts on the ecosystem and species along the Dawn-Parkway corridor need to be assessed and cannot be ignored. Especially critical is the increase of GHG emissions (both CO2 and methane) due to the project which will compromise Canada's ability to drawdown carbon to meet the target that science dictates will permit a livable future for our children.

Hold a transparent public town hall hearing and seek the feedback, concerns and recommendations from the public.

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Yours truly,

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