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Ms Walli,

I am writing to you today regarding Enbridge Gas Distribution's application under EB-2016-0004, which includes 39 potential expansion projects in Ontario and requests changes to make future projects feasible. Enbridge proposes several reasonable forms of regulatory flexibility that would enable Enbridge and Union Gas, its counterpart, to provide more Ontarians with the opportunity to choose natural gas.

Natural gas is a clean and affordable alternative to electric heating and offers many Ontarians the opportunity to stabilize their household budgets. In my riding of Stormont-Dundas-South Glengarry many homeowners seek to obtain natural gas services but the current regulatory framework makes expansion to these properties uneconomical. Since my election in October 2011, I have been a staunch advocate for providing more Ontarians with the choice of switching to natural gas. This competition in energy provision is an essential building block of an affordable and transparent energy market.

Considering the public benefit of expanded access to natural gas and the obvious savings it confers on homeowners, I support Enbridge's initiative to make natural gas market regulation more responsive to stakeholders' and customers' needs.

Regards,

Jim McDonell
Member of Provincial Parliament
Stormont-Dundas-South Glengarry

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CC: David Donovan, Enbridge Gas Distribution Inc.