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**RE: #EB-2016-0004 – Review of Mechanisms to Recover the Costs of Natural Gas Expansion in Ontario**

Dear Ms. Walli,

I am writing to your attention regarding the expansion of natural gas access for communities in my riding of Haliburton-Kawartha Lakes-Brock. There is strong support in my communities for natural gas expansion. As the issue of affordable energy is critical for so many families, I support the expansion of access in the province, especially in rural areas.

I am writing this letter of support for increased access to natural gas.

It is my understanding that Enbridge Gas Distribution made a submission under EB-2016-0004 on March 21, 2016, which includes 39 potential expansion projects in Ontario, and a request for the changes deemed necessary to make future projects feasible. In order to expand natural gas service to unserved communities, Enbridge has proposed specific forms of regulatory flexibility and/or exemptions from current OEB guidelines, including:


- An ongoing volumetric surcharge to collect capital contributions from new customers over an extended period of time;
- An Incremental Tax Equivalent mechanism such that municipalities are able to contribute (for a ten year duration) toward the economic feasibility of a community expansion project; and
- A reduction in the economic feasibility threshold that a project must meet before Enbridge is able to proceed with the expansion.

In an effort to help meet Ontario's climate change targets, natural gas expansion will not only provide competitive and affordable energy, but also provide a 20% greenhouse gas emissions reduction for homes heated with propane, and 25% reduction for homes heated with oil. It is also

my understanding that both Enbridge Gas and Union Gas are working towards including renewable content to their supply through injecting "renewable natural gas" into the system; this will help customers further reduce their emissions in a cost effective manner.

I appreciate you taking the time in considering my letter of support. I look forward to receiving a copy of the positive outcome at the OEB.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Laurie Scott". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Laurie" being larger and more prominent than the last name "Scott".

Laurie Scott, MPP  
Haliburton-Kawartha Lakes-Brock

cc. David Donovan  
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