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Dear Minister Lecce,

I am writing as a London resident concerned about the growing financial pressures facing Ontario families and how the province is funding the electricity infrastructure required to support economic growth and electrification.

I recently submitted a letter to the Ontario Energy Board regarding London Hydro's proposed 2027 rate increase. While I recognize the importance of maintaining and modernizing our electricity infrastructure, the application raises a broader policy question that I believe deserves a response from the provincial government.

**Who should be responsible for paying for the electricity infrastructure required to support Ontario's growth and electrification objectives?**

The province is encouraging new housing, industrial development, electric vehicles and heat pumps. These are important policy objectives, but they also require substantial investment in electricity infrastructure.

**Meanwhile, Ontario families are already managing increasing costs for groceries, housing, insurance, transportation and other essential services. For many households, wages are simply not keeping pace.**

An additional $6 per month on an electricity bill may not seem significant in isolation, but families are experiencing these increases across nearly every aspect of their household budgets.

I recognize that Ontario already provides electricity rebates and that new developments and industrial customers contribute toward infrastructure costs. However, I would like to better understand how the province ensures that these costs are allocated fairly.

Specifically, I would appreciate clarification on three questions:

1. **Who pays for growth?** How does the province ensure that existing residential customers are not disproportionately financing electricity infrastructure required for new housing developments and industrial expansion?
2. **Who pays for electrification?** When provincial policies encourage households and businesses to transition to electricity, what consideration is given to funding the resulting infrastructure through existing provincial revenues rather than additional charges to electricity customers?
3. **Where does affordability fit into these decisions?** How is the cumulative financial pressure on Ontario households considered when determining how infrastructure investments are funded?

I am not suggesting that Ontario should stop investing in electricity infrastructure. I am questioning whether our current funding model appropriately balances economic development, provincial policy objectives and household affordability.

Families are continually being asked to absorb additional costs. I believe it is reasonable to ask whether government can do more to ensure that the financial responsibility for growth is shared fairly among those who benefit from it.

I would appreciate a substantive response outlining how the province is addressing these concerns and whether alternative approaches to funding growth-related electricity infrastructure are being considered.

Thank you for your consideration.

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