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Dear Mr. Gray and Mr. Brooks:

I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for a successful and informative initial meeting. I look forward to continuing to build on a great dialogue on matters of shared interest.

The government is taking steps to ensure a clean, reliable and affordable electricity system for all Ontarians, guided by our Long-Term Energy Plan (LTEP). As the Ministry of Energy begins to develop its next LTEP, I will continue looking to Environmental Defence as an important advisor.

Developing the LTEP is a highly collaborative process, during which the Ministry of Energy works closely with its agencies, stakeholders and Indigenous communities. The ministry will follow the process outlined in the *Energy Statute Law Amendment Act*, which came into force on July 1, 2016. The act enshrines in legislation a long-term energy planning framework that is transparent, efficient and responsive to changing technology, policy and program needs.

LTEP consultations and Indigenous engagements are expected to take place in fall 2016. The consultations and engagements will be supported by an electricity technical report released by the Independent Electricity System Operator on Sept. 1, 2016, as well as a fuels sector technical report being prepared by an expert third party. Both of these documents will be made public prior to the start of LTEP consultations and Indigenous engagements.

The formal LTEP consultation process will include in-person sessions, online consultation tools and the opportunity for stakeholders to provide submissions through the Environmental Registry, an online database that allows Ontarians to participate in decisions that affect the environment. I encourage your participation as we move ahead with this important project.

Thank you again and I look forward to our continued work together.

Sincerely,

Glenn Thibeault
Minister