

RE: Letter from MPP French

From: "McPhail, Blane (OPO)" <blane.mcphail@ontario.ca>
To: "Hochberg, Adam (OPO)" <adam.hochberg2@ontario.ca>, "Killorn, Bill (OPO)" <bill.killorn@ontario.ca>, "Hanna, Susan (OPO)" <susan.hanna@ontario.ca>
Cc: "Donelson, Philip (OPO)" <philip.donelson@ontario.ca>
Date: Wed, 09 Nov 2016 17:00:52 -0500

Thanks Adam. Think the P can stay a bit more high-level and allow Minister Thibeault to get into the specifics of the support programs we offer. Have put together a couple high-level paragraphs below you can work off of.

Happy to chat if you have any questions

Blane

Thank you for your letter regarding hydro rates. I appreciate your sharing with me community feedback from your constituents.

Over the past decade, we made the investments necessary to take the dirty, unreliable electricity system we inherited and make it clean. We eliminated coal – the source of those smog days – saving Ontario more than \$4 billion in health and environmental costs. Thanks to our early leadership, we've already done the heavy lifting in terms of rebuilding aging infrastructure and transitioning off of coal. Ontarians won't see the cost increases coal-dependent jurisdictions in the U.S. and Canada will. Still, we know that the cost of these investments can be particularly difficult for families most in need. That's why we're taking action.

Despite consistent economic growth since the global recession, many families aren't feeling the impact of the recovery in their everyday lives. Recognizing this, we are taking the single largest action to reduce costs for electricity consumers in the province's history. This includes rebating the provincial portion of the HST to reduce bills by 8% and cutting delivery charges for the most rural customers even further for a total savings of 20%. These permanent new measures, which build on a number of other assistance programs, will take effect January 1, 2017. Our plan provides needed assistance to consumers of all sizes, and it targets support to those that need it most. We're doing this because we know that families need help with the cost of everyday living.

I have also forwarded your correspondence to the attention of my colleague the Honourable Glenn Thibeault, Minister of Energy, so that he may be aware of your constituents' views.

Thank you again for writing to me. Please accept my best wishes.

Sincerely,

From: Hochberg, Adam (OPO)

Sent: November-09-16 4:03 PM
To: McPhail, Blane (OPO); Killorn, Bill (OPO); Hanna, Susan (OPO)
Cc: Donelson, Philip (OPO)
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[Here you go.](#)

From: McPhail, Blane (OPO)
Sent: November-09-16 4:02 PM
To: Killorn, Bill (OPO); Hochberg, Adam (OPO); Hanna, Susan (OPO)
Cc: Donelson, Philip (OPO)
Subject: Re: Letter from MPP French

[Adam - can you flip me the letter? Thx](#)

From: Killorn, Bill (OPO)
Sent: Wednesday, November 9, 2016 4:00 PM
To: Hochberg, Adam (OPO); Hanna, Susan (OPO)
Cc: Donelson, Philip (OPO); McPhail, Blane (OPO)
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[Thanks Adam adding Blane](#)

From: Hochberg, Adam (OPO)
Sent: Wednesday, November 9, 2016 3:56 PM
To: Killorn, Bill (OPO); Hanna, Susan (OPO)
Cc: Donelson, Philip (OPO)
Subject: Letter from MPP French

Hi Sue and Bill,

I've had CO draft a substantive response to the letter that MPP French sent regarding hydro rates. Would you like me to edit it down and refer it to Energy to provide them with a substantive response or is this fine? Should anything be added or changed?

Best regards,

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