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Subject: The Rising Cost of Electricity Rates

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Premier Wynne:

I am writing you with respect to the increasing hydro rates for the residents of the province of Ontario. As a taxpayer to not only the province but also to the municipality for my property tax and to add insult to injury we are also have to pay taxes on our utilities. How fair is this, Federal, Provincial Municipal, taxes at the grocery store so over taxes with no relief in sight. I read the communication provided by the Clean Air Alliance and also listen to the news and read the newspapers regarding nuclear power.

From 2002 the OPG's price of electricity has increased by over 60%. And now I have read OPG is asking for a 180% price increase to pay for the continued operation of the high cost Pickering Nuclear Station and the rebuilding of the Darlington aging reactors.

Why is our government not listening that we have a lower cost option to proving electricity, we can import low cost power from Quebec? And in addition Quebec is more than willing to sign a long term fixed price export contracts Why is our public utility and the nuclear lobby spreading "alternative facts" and whether keeping the 46 year old Pickering Station running and re-building the 30 year old Darlington makes any logical or financial sense? Why are we not in partnership with Quebec to continue to develop significant low cost wind power?

Lets close the Pickering Station in 2018 when its license expires.

I am retired, live in a town home and am alone, and my hydro bills arrives every month and the amount that I pay is exorbitant given that I do everything possible to conserve energy such as doing laundry and drying of clothing once a month and after 7.00 p.m. During the summer months notwithstanding that I keep my air conditioning at a bare minimum my hydro bills are out of sight and I have complained to my provider with no relief in sight only higher utility bills.

Once reason associated with our high electric bills is the high cost of salaries and benefits afforded to all the hydro employees in this province. Why are CEO's and all staff paid extremely high wages and benefits that rival anything we can imagine, the private industry does not provide these levels of salaries or benefits, so why should any corporation or entity that are owned and paid by the taxpayers provide high wages, excellent plus benefits , annual salary increases and to boot job security. There is definitely something very wrong with this picture.

I for one has never objected to paying my fair share, I have worked my entire life, but now taxes are beyond fairness and reason. Why are the wealthy not paying their fair share, other than all the tax breaks they are getting or anyone earning over \$250,000.00 annually not paying more? Or what about the people sheltering monies in other countries so they don;t have to pay, these are major problems that should be addressed and

resolved between the federal and provincial governments in our country. I can see there is no political will to do so.

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She's paying -

\$100 / mo. in winter

200⁺ / mo. in summer because of
air conditioning

- every month it keeps going up.
- Concerned re: CEO salaries.
- She has a TTC pension -
- started working when she was 14.
- Supportive of CPP enhancement.