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of Commerce President
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letter to Premier
re: Ontario's Fair
Hydro Plan.

July 3, 2017

Premier Kathleen Wynne
Legislative Building
Queen's Park
Toronto, ON M7A 1A1

Dear Premier Wynne,

I am very concerned with the way in which your government is treating Hydro One customers – indeed the way your government is treating all Ontarians.

Your Fair Hydro Plan is not actually fair to future generations. Many of the business members that I represent envision that in ten years this plan will financially cripple businesses and residents of the Province.

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I wish to provide an example from the present day – a situation that comes from my own camp property. In one three month period I used 31 KWH of electricity. The cost for this energy is \$3.19. And then I look at the add ons to my bill – which bring the actual bill to \$125.05. In the future, I can only envision additional add ons – for all consumers, both business and residential.

Please direct your government advisors and policy makers to find ways of actually managing our electricity costs – such as reducing costs – rather than deferring the hard decisions. The Fair Hydro Plan only provides subsidies now and adds debt now for us to pay for in the future.

You have an opportunity – right now - to provide leadership and address the root issues of high electricity costs. I urge you to do so.

To business owners in our Region your Fair Hydro Plan appears destined to create a future in Ontario in which living and operating a business will be unaffordable.

Yours truly,

Eric Pietsch
President
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