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Subject: Affordability Fund Trust Meeting Next Week

Hi Terry,

As Vice Chair of the Affordability Fund Trust, I would like to request a meeting with you to discuss an issue that has arisen and then to develop a creative solution.

When the Fair Hydro Plan was established, the Affordability Fund Trust (AFT) was created to target support for those Ontarians who were at or just above the poverty line and felt that their electricity affordability was burdensome. The AFT structured measures to provide persistent and meaningful benefits, similar to those already available under the Home Assistance Program (HAP). The AFT was also designed to specifically exclude HAP eligible applicants, to prevent potential double-dipping in both programs.

We have been in conversations with Stephen Lachan and Graham Smith at the IESO and understand that HAP eligibility will be changing to Low Income Cut-Off (LICO) + 35% based upon Gross Income. At this level, we believe that HAP eligibility will increase well beyond its intended low income beneficiary base. It will also overlap with the target population that the Affordability Fund Trust was established to support – those at or just above poverty level.

We have met with the IESO on a couple of occasions to discuss this matter, but wanted to bring you into the discussion, as we believe that we all have a mutual interest – to help those who are struggling to afford their electricity bills. We both have programs that are positioned and funded to help and we believe that there is a genuine need for both programs. That said, we remain concerned that at the proposed LICO + 35%, the AFT program would cease to be able to fulfill its mandate to support those at the poverty line and just above.

To that end, a fellow AFT Trustee (Raegan Bond) and I would like to meet with you early next week prior to our next AFT Board on Thursday, November 30th. We are hopeful one of the following time slots works on your end: Tuesday 8-9am or 4-5pm, Wednesday 8-10am or 1-2:30pm.

Thank you for your on-going cooperation.

Warren Lister

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