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Dear Paul, David and Tom,

Thank you for your letter.

The Ontario Energy Board's mandated role is to protect consumers. They should be standing up for ratepayers, but that is not happening.

Their decisions should be transparent, and they should serve the people and businesses paying the bills. The government is ultimately accountable for setting the direction of the OEB, and appointing its directors. Since the Liberals came to power, the OEB has operated without things as basic as the ability to audit what presenters put in front of them, something I know is of concern to you.

This is the responsibility of the Premier and her Minister. If they continue to disappoint Ontarians, and will not address these issues, then it is time for a government that will act to solve the problem.

It is why I have committed that an NDP government will improve and reform the OEB so that it has the mandate and the muscle to stand up for consumers. I think many of the concerns you raise could be addressed by an improved OEB.

I have asked Peter Tabuns, the NDP's Energy Critic to respond in greater detail.

Sincerely,

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