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The Honourable Gary Lunn
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Dear Minister:

Following up on our recent meeting, I would like to reiterate my strong desire that Ontario and Canada develop a cooperative and productive approach to meeting our major energy challenges.

As you know, Ontario has been moving forward aggressively to develop our renewable energy resources. We now have over 1,300 megawatts of wind power capacity under contract, together with smaller amounts of water power and biomass energy, and we are planning to expand this capacity.

These projects were procured through a competitive bidding process. It is my understanding that, in the case of wind power, all the companies that made successful bids had an indication from Natural Resources Canada that they would be eligible to receive the Wind Power Production Incentive (WPPI).

I am now hearing concerns from these companies about the future of WPPI and the Renewable Power Production Incentive (RPPI) programs.

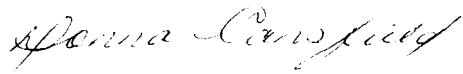
I hope you are aware of the value these programs provide. WPPI has been instrumental in building a Canadian wind industry and, to date, has provided a certainty that has helped draw new investment across Canada. RPPI has promised to do the same for other forms of renewable energy.

I am concerned that federal withdrawal from WPPI and RPPI would not only slow or stop the momentum of the renewable energy industry, but could also jeopardize the completion and ongoing operation of existing projects.

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I look forward to hearing from you about this issue and to working with you to ensure that Ontarians and all Canadians are well served by our energy policies.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Donna Cansfield".

Donna Cansfield
Minister