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Hon. Donna Cansfield
Minister of Energy
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Hello Minister Cansfield:

As a member of the Organization of CANDU Industries, LCS believes that the Ontario Power Authority's (OPA) recommendations to support nuclear energy in Ontario make good sense. We applaud the OPA's suggestion that **new nuclear power plants should be part of Ontario's future base load supply** and believe Canadian-made CANDU reactors are Ontario's best choice.

Canada's nuclear industry has delivered seven CANDU reactors in other countries around the world on time and on budget and they can do the same right here at home. The cost of electricity from CANDU nuclear power is low compared to its alternatives and will remain steady for many years, which will help keep Ontario competitive.

The CANDU 6 is a top world reactor, operating in Canada and around the world with an unmatched safety, reliability and power production track record. In addition, by choosing CANDU technology, we will be sending a strong message to the world that will allow Ontario to be an export leader in nuclear energy.

Investing in Canadian CANDU technology will help keep jobs and economic benefits in Ontario. Economic benefits, such as the \$2.6 Billion impact on GDP and 40,000 jobs associated with CANDU construction, would be in jeopardy if another technology were chosen. CANDU also has proven advantages in the areas of clean air, positive public health benefits and environmental benefits. CANDU reactors are the most beneficial and cost-effective climate change solutions for Ontario, and strongly support the Ontario Government's off-coal program.

We urge the Ontario Government to choose CANDU nuclear for its new nuclear build program. Since it can take up to 10 years to plan, get approval and build a major power project, we are urging the government to **start a CANDU environmental assessment now, so that the power is available when Ontario needs it.**

Best Regards,

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