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Hon. Donna Cansfield  
Ministry of Energy  
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Dear Minister Cansfield

Numet Engineering Ltd has for the past 25 years been designing and supplying specialized systems and equipment for the Nuclear Power Industry. We are a successful and growing company providing high tech and high skilled employment opportunities in Peterborough, Ontario. Our expertise has been developed primarily from servicing the CANDU market, but we increasingly leverage this expertise to export services and equipment to other areas of the nuclear market.

We are encouraged by the conclusions of the recent Ontario Power Authority recommendations as they relate Ontario's future energy needs, and the role that nuclear power generation can play in meeting these needs. The OPA report clearly shows the deficit of electrical power that Ontario could face if decisive government action is not taken to plan for these future needs. We recognize that the Ontario Government has indeed taken the initial steps required to deal with the looming shortfall of power, and we would like to offer our encouragement to the Government to continue and take the next important steps.

Government action is required now to ensure that nuclear generation can continue to provide the base-load generating capacity that the province has relied on in the past, and that is clearly required for our future. Support and planning is required both for the refurbishment of existing reactors, where this option is appropriate, and for "new build" to augment retiring capacity and supplement our anticipated consumption growth.

Ontario's nuclear power industry has the experience and expertise for both. With the right mix of private and public investment, and proper management of the capital projects required, Ontario can successfully provide its own nuclear power generation. Recent and relevant experience with CANDU construction in China shows that the costs for new build are known, and that the projects can be successfully managed.

Government support for the CANDU industry is support for high-tech development, local employment, cleaner air, and reliable and economical long-term electricity supply. We urge the Government to take appropriate action by beginning the environmental assessments required for new and replacement capacity so that nuclear generation is retained as an option for the supply mix required for Ontario's future.

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