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Hon. Donna Cansfield
Minister of Energy
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Dear Minister Cansfield,

I am writing to you as both a member of the board of directors for the Organization of CANDU Industries and as a passionate believer in Canadian technology.

I firmly believe that the recent recommendation by the Ontario Power Authority to construct 3,000 MW of nuclear powered generating capacity is a sound idea. We need to have a secure source of base load power generation capability in the province. Nuclear power provides this base load on a cost competitive and reliable basis.

I also believe that we should be exploring alternative technologies in order to determine how we can best meet our future energy requirements. Likewise, conservation should play a role in our energy strategy. However, we need to have a reliable and robust means of providing for the majority of our day to day electrical energy needs. Today and for the foreseeable future, I believe that means nuclear power.

In my mind, the AECL CANDU reactor program represents a uniquely Canadian approach to employing technology. We employ Canadian engineering resources; we utilize Canadian materials and we deliver a product that works. It is a program that is rich in technology and it consequently demands very capable people to participate in this industry. This human resource requirement in turn fosters a demand for the business, engineering and science graduates necessary to support the nuclear program. A society that promotes this form of education will be a very capable society.

Finally, I believe that the nuclear power recommendation is a strong endorsement for a pragmatic and responsible approach to environmental stewardship.

I would like to urge you to move forward, with haste, and to initiate the environmental assessments needed to implement OPA's recommendations.

Sincerely,

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