



ONTARIO
SOCIETY
OF PROFESSIONAL
ENGINEERS

June 16, 2016

The Honourable Kathleen O. Wynne
Premier of Ontario and Minister of Intergovernmental Affairs
Room 281, Main Legislative Building, Queen's Park
Toronto, Ontario M7A 1A1

Dear Premier Wynne,

Thank you for your letter dated June 3, 2016.

The Ontario Society of Professional Engineers (OSPE) is concerned that your response missed the intent of our communication to your office. Your response seemed to be a form letter intended for critics of the Climate Change Action Plan. While we have some concerns about the plan, they are centered primarily around the lack of consultation with knowledgeable professionals to help develop the policy. Without meaningful discussions with knowledge based experts – particularly engineers – any climate change policy will be sub-optimized and fall short of the high standards that we need to set in this province.

Ontario spends a significant amount of money training and developing some of the best engineering talent in the world. It has been recognized that engineers are valuable assets in helping to define policy initiatives, which is why the Ministry has funded programs such as *Engineering and Society* at McMaster University, and why multiple degree programs involving engineering are in place at Western and other universities.

We therefore find it perplexing when your government embarks on such a major policy initiative such as the Climate Change Action Plan and allows no opportunity for the engineering community to provide input. OSPE should be involved in policy development initiatives such as these for the following reasons:

- Matters of complex science, functionality, and design demand the expertise of engineers to inform public policy decision-making.
- Involving engineers in policy discussions results in more cost-effective options that can deliver best-possible solutions to tackle the most complex problems, like climate change.
- Addressing climate change through a cap-and-trade program will demand technological advancement and innovation, and engineers are aware of the current state of technology solutions and the timeframes to commercialize new innovations.

The Ontario government must involve OSPE, an organization that represents more than 250,000 members of Ontario's engineering community, in the development of policy before its implementation. OSPE wants a response from you that acknowledges the importance of engineering expertise and commits to consulting with OSPE and Ontario's engineers, now and in the future.

We look forward to hearing from you.

Sincerely,



Sandro Perruzza
Chief Executive Officer
Ontario Society of Professional Engineers



Michael Monette
President and Chair
Ontario Society of Professional Engineers

cc: Honourable David Zimmer, Minister of Indigenous Relations and Reconciliation
Honourable Glenn Thibeault, Minister of Energy
Honourable Jeff Leal, Minister of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs
Honourable Yasir Naqvi, Attorney General and Government House Leader
Honourable Tracy MacCharles, Minister Responsible for Accessibility and Minister Responsible for Women's Issues
Honourable Michael Chan, Minister of International Trade
Honourable Dr. Helena Jaczek, Minister of Community and Social Services
Honourable Brad Duguid, Minister of Economic Development and Growth
Honourable Liz Sandals, President of the Treasury Board
Honourable Bob Chiarelli, Minister of Infrastructure
Honourable Glen R. Murray, Minister of the Environment and Climate Change
Honourable Charles Sousa, Minister of Finance
Honourable David Oraziotti, Minister of Community Safety and Correctional Services
Honourable Dr. Eric Hoskins, Minister of Health and Long-Term Care
Honourable Kevin Flynn, Minister of Labour
Honourable Bill Mauro, Minister of Municipal Affairs
Honourable Michael Gravelle, Minister of Northern Development and Mines
Honourable Michael Coteau, Minister of Children and Youth Services and Minister Responsible for Anti-Racism
Honourable Reza Moridi, Minister of Research, Innovation and Science
Honourable Steven Del Duca, Minister of Transportation
Honourable Deb Matthews, Deputy Premier, Minister of Advanced Education and Skills Development, and Minister Responsible for Digital Government
Honourable Chris Ballard, Minister of Housing, Minister Responsible for the Poverty Reduction Strategy
Honourable Laura Albanese, Minister of Citizenship and Immigration
Honourable Dipika Damerla, Minister Responsible for Seniors Affairs
Honourable Mitzie Hunter, Minister of Education
Honourable Marie-France Lalonde, Minister of Government and Consumer Services and Minister Responsible for Francophone Affairs
Honourable Kathryn McGarry, Minister of Natural Resources and Forestry
Honourable Elanor McMahon, Minister of Tourism, Culture and Sport
Honourable Indira Naidoo-Harris, Associate Minister of Finance (Ontario Retirement Pension Plan)