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Mr. Sandro Perruzza  
Chief Executive Officer  
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Ontario Society of Professional Engineers  
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Dear Mr. Perruzza and Mr. Monette:

Thank you for your letter regarding our government's Climate Change Action Plan and natural gas in Ontario. I appreciate this opportunity to hear your concerns. To be clear, Ontario is not banning natural gas or forcing anyone off of it. Natural gas will continue to play a critical role in the energy mix in Ontario in the future and beyond that.

Ontario's Climate Change Action Plan is the government's next step in the fight against climate change. The action plan will outline the steps Ontario is taking to ensure we reach our greenhouse gas emissions targets set in our Climate Change Strategy.

The plan will create good jobs, help people and businesses become more energy-efficient, and accelerate a shift to a more sustainable society. It will include climate-saving actions that focus on making it easier and faster for consumers and industry to access new, low-carbon technologies.

Through the action plan, Ontario will invest proceeds generated from cap and trade to fight climate change by helping households use less energy and save more money by investing in home energy retrofits, public transit, and social housing retrofits.

Last February as part of a down payment from Cap and Trade, the government announced a \$100 million partnership with Enbridge and Union Gas that will help about 37,000 homeowners conduct audits to identify energy-saving opportunities and then complete retrofits.

Now moving forward, Ontario will soon be making an announcement on all the initiatives and investments in our Climate Change Action Plan. The government will be presenting a viable plan that will invest in our future and ensure we met our near and long term emissions reduction targets.

Thank you again for raising this issue with me. Please accept my best wishes.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Kathleen Wynne". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Kathleen Wynne  
Premier