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## OPEN LETTER

Dear Minister,

I am writing to you for two purposes. Firstly, to urge you to include residents of Dufferin-Caledon in the upcoming Health Canada study into the health effects of industrial wind turbines; and secondly, to ask that the study's design include the effects on residents of living in close proximity to the transformer equipment associated with these installations.

Dufferin-Caledon is home to 133 industrial wind turbines, the second highest of any riding in Ontario. There are over 50 more planned for installation in north Dufferin County. My riding is not an unpopulated area of the prairies or a remote shoreline. There are farms and villages dotting the landscape which many families call home.

As you know, many residents have brought their concerns regarding the health effects of these installations to my attention over the past several years. I've visited many residents' properties in order to have a better understanding of what was being described to me in such heart-wrenching detail. Of course, I've made representations to you numerous times on this matter and am grateful that your department is undertaking this study.

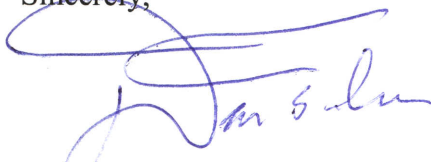
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In addition to including residents of Dufferin-Caledon in the study based simply on the population density versus the density of the turbine installations, I feel it is of great importance to look at the effects of the transformer equipment that accompanies these installations. If the study is to be comprehensive in scope and take in all potential health effects of industrial wind turbines, it must include transformers as well.

Thank you again for your concerned attention to this very important matter. I look forward to your reply.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "David Tilson", with a large, sweeping flourish above the name.

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cc. Mayor Don MacIver and Members of Council, Township of Amaranth  
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