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OPEN LETTER

Dear Premier,

Firstly, let me congratulate you on your victory and on assuming your duties as Premier of Ontario. I wish you well in your endeavours.

On July 16, 2012, I wrote to your predecessor calling for a moratorium on the development and installation of all new industrial wind turbines in the Province of Ontario. Premier McGuinty forwarded my correspondence to the then Minister of Energy, from whom I did not receive a reply.

In my constituency of Dufferin-Caledon we have over 130 industrial wind turbines installed in north Dufferin County. I have discovered that there another 49 proposed for Melancthon Township and another 3 for Amaranth Township, under two separate project proposals.

As you may know, Health Canada, in partnership with Statistics Canada, is in the process of conducting a comprehensive scientific study into the health effects on residents living in close proximity to industrial wind turbines. This study was launched by Minister Aglukkaq as a result of representations made by myself and other colleagues in Ontario based on complaints from our constituents which we have been receiving in our offices for years.

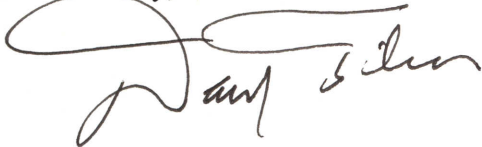
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Given that many questions remain over the possible deleterious effects of industrial wind turbines on the health of nearby residents, I call upon your government to reverse the policy of your predecessor and immediately put in place a moratorium on the construction of any new industrial wind turbine installations. We must await the outcome of the work of Health Canada's scientists in order to determine not only whether new installations should proceed, but indeed whether existing installations are too close to established dwellings and should be relocated.

The health and safety of the residents of Ontario must be the top priority of your government. You owe it to the residents of Dufferin-Caledon and elsewhere to put a halt to all new industrial wind turbines until the science is in.

Sincerely,

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

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cc. The Honourable Bob Chiarelli, M.P.P., Minister of Energy
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