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The Right Honourable Justin Trudeau
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Re: No new gas plants. Require Ontario to move to a net zero-carbon electricity grid by 2030.

Dear Prime Minister Trudeau,

I hope this letter finds you well.

On March 22, 2022, your government pledged to “achieve significant emissions reductions by 2030 compared to 2005 levels” when you signed your *Supply and Confidence Agreement*. Canadians view this pact as proof of your commitment to climate action, and they trust that you and Mr. Singh will deliver on this promise.

However, Ontario Premier Doug Ford announced plans last fall to build *new* gas-fired power plants that threaten your ability to follow through on this Agreement. Not only will these plants increase the greenhouse gas emissions of the province’s *existing* gas plants by more than 300% by 2030 and more than 700% by 2043, they pose a clear threat to Canada’s ability to meet its Paris Agreement climate targets.

Fortunately, there are viable alternatives to Ford Government’s ill-advised directions. Ontario can move to a zero-carbon electricity future and lower energy costs by 2030 by investing in energy conservation and efficiency, wind and solar energy, and increasing its electricity cooperation with Quebec.

I am calling on you to act now. Please establish federal Clean Electricity Regulations that will a) prohibit the building of new gas plants in Ontario effective immediately; and b) require Ontario to move to a net zero-carbon electricity grid by 2030.

With strong leadership and continued climate action from your government, we can create a cleaner, safer, and more prosperous future for Canadians and the world. I look forward to working with you to ensure we meet our climate obligations.

Sincerely,

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