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The Hon. Jim Bradley, MPP
Minister of the Environment
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Open Letter to the Minister of the Environment

Dear Minister:

Thank you for your response to my open letter regarding your government's sudden approval of a 10-turbine wind energy project in the Township of Mapleton. Your response is very disappointing; it failed to provide an acceptable response to the valid concerns I brought to your attention.

You did not address my position that your government should inform MPPs when a proposal of this magnitude is approved in the constituencies they represent. Elected provincial and municipal representatives alike need and deserve full disclosure. Burying this information on the online Environment Registry is neither sufficient nor acceptable.

Your response noted that the Township of Mapleton submitted the Municipal Confirmation Form. However, you made no mention of the Township's legitimate objections to this project relating to process, municipal planning, health issues and decommissioning, among other matters. You failed to acknowledge these very serious concerns, and it would appear that you neglected to give them the consideration they deserved in the process leading up to your government's decision.

Lack of meaningful consultation with the municipality and residents is just one reason I requested an extension of the appeal period for the Conestogo project. You indicated that the Ministry of the Environment is not able to extend its own timeline for appeals. If, in fact, you as Minister of the Environment are powerless to modify your own policy, for which your own government is responsible, I would suggest the people of Ontario have reason to be concerned.

Again, I am very disappointed that your government waited until the day that the legislature adjourned for the Christmas break to release your approval. The communities affected by your policy deserve better.

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Sincerely,



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c: The Hon. Dalton McGuinty, Premier of Ontario
The Hon. Chris Bentley, Minister of Energy
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