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Hon. Bob Chiarelli
Minister of Energy
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Dear Minister Chiarelli,

As you are aware I have continuously expressed concern with the proposed Industrial Wind Energy projects going up in my riding. As you also know, when your government introduced the Green Energy Act (GEA) I voted against it for many reasons, including because it stripped away all municipal planning control. I am continuously contacted by many constituents regarding projects that are going up in Nepean-Carleton.

Minister, local municipalities and residents must have a voice regarding Industrial Wind Turbine projects that are planned for their community.

Your Renewable Energy Approval process outlines the requirements for community meetings to discuss the project and its local impact but it is clear the gathering of public feedback is simply a formality. As the comments have no reflection or impact on decisions you or your ministry is making.

Your government's Speech from the Throne seems to indicate that local populations may finally be heard. I ask that you immediately implement a province-wide moratorium on wind projects and support Bill 2, which would return planning authority back to municipal government control.

Municipalities must regain their power to make local decisions and the GEA must reflect the importance of this.

Thank you for your immediate attention to this matter and I look forward to a timely response.

Kindest regards,

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