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An Open Letter to TransCanada

Dear Mr. Kisvle,

Since the announcement by the Ontario Power Authority in September 2009 that TransCanada had been selected to build an over 900 megawatt natural gas plant on Ford of Canada property in Oakville community groups and concerned citizens from Oakville and Mississauga and politicians from all levels of government have expressed their outrage at such an offensive choice and have come together to ensure this plant is not built.

Your proposed plant would be located on an inadequately sized site, 320 meters from the nearest school, less than 400 meters from residential homes and dangerously adjacent to one of the busiest rail corridors in North America. Despite having these concerns brought to your attention and the considerable health and safety concerns associated with natural gas power plants your company continues to pursue approvals for this illogical site.

Even employees of your own company agree the proximity to sensitive land uses makes the Ford of Canada site unsuitable.

I remain committed to representing my constituents and ensuring that the Ford of Canada site is not used for this purpose by TransCanada.

Over the past months I have noted TransCanada's repeated assurances that the safety concerns of the Oakville community are not justified because TransCanada uses a different process than the purging process which led to the deaths of 6 workers at a similar facility in Middletown, Connecticut. While your commitment to employee safety is sound corporate policy it does nothing to allay the concerns of Oakville residents that proper mitigation is possible on such a small site in very close proximity to residential

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land uses. The occurrence in Middletown and the current situation in the Gulf of Mexico further reinforce the fact that despite best efforts, accidents do continue to occur and could happen at the facility you propose to build.

Recently, my Private Members Bill 8, (An Act to establish separation distances for natural gas power plants) received near unanimous second reading in the Ontario Legislative Assembly. The bill identified an obvious gap and makes it illegal to locate a natural gas power plant within 1500 meters of sensitive land uses such as homes, schools, day care and hospitals. Your proposed Oakville plant would be illegal under Bill 8. The fact that the bill received unanimous support from all 3 parties is an indication of the will of the people of Ontario in this matter and should be instructive for future corporate decision making.

We are aware and know that TransCanada is aware of a number of other alternatives that exist. We know that other power corporations are interested in joint ventures and other far more suitable locations are available in communities that appear to be willing hosts. Nanticoke for example is expressing very strong interest in continuing to be a power generating community once the coal plant is closed and has sites available that are far safer than the Ford of Canada site in Oakville. Experts say that the transmission of energy between Nanticoke and consuming markets is not an issue and transmission upgrades need to take place in any event.

I would ask TransCanada to consider the ethical implications of continuing to seek approvals for the Oakville location. The reputation of your company and the leadership you show in this regard will portray to Canadians whether TransCanada is merely taking the reactive token response route to dealing with environmental, land use and safety concerns or is seriously interested in a comprehensive and sustainable means of conducting its business operations.

Considering other alternatives provides a number of positive effects for all stakeholders:

TransCanada could continue to operate in a profitable manner without the negative stigma that infects and will continue to infect the Oakville location.

Ford will be able to reinforce their commitment to being a good corporate neighbour and their reputation as an industry leader will continue.

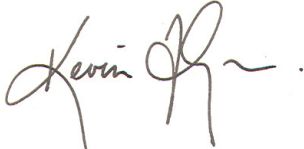
The health, safety and environmental concerns of Oakville and Mississauga will be addressed.

The Ontario Power Authority will continue to provide a reliable source of electricity in a manner that is cleaner than coal.

Willing host communities like Nanticoke with safe and suitable sites will realise the economic benefits of your operation within their municipal boundaries.

TransCanada's vision statement states the company is "committed to achieving win-win solutions with external stakeholders". Canadians are disillusioned with many recent examples of corporate greenwashing and questionable ethics. Ending this illogical proposal provides a perfect opportunity for TransCanada to illustrate its commitment to execute your company's vision and do the right thing.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Kevin Flynn". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a prominent initial "K" and a long, sweeping underline.

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