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Dear Mr. Georgopoulos:

Thank you for taking the time from your busy schedule to talk with me the other night at the open house by Enbridge in its bid to construct a natural gas pipeline that would eventually power the York Energy Centre (referred hereafter as a peaker plant).

As I indicated to you in our discussions, the Holland Marsh Growers' Association would be submitting a formal response regarding not only the project but the proposed routes. As I also indicated, we feel that this is premature given the uncertainty around surrounding the actual site location and the fact that the proponent has yet to comply with all of the conditions within the RFP – as accorded by the Ontario Government and the Ontario Power Authority. Given all of this, plus the discussions with several members of the Enbridge staff on-hand who also indicated their own response that the location was definitely in the wrong location, we felt that this letter should clearly state that NO gas pipeline should be laid and/or even thought about until such time as ALL environmental studies are conducted, all property owners have been given a fair amount of time to review and understand the implications of such a decision to run a 16 inch, high-pressure natural gas line through their properties or adjacent properties, and that this is a completed project.

Finally, the Holland Marsh Growers' Association understands that the work that you are doing is preliminary and following your own due diligence in accordance to the bid. We understand the position you find yourselves involved in, having to conduct business even if internally, there is conflict. We would like to take this moment to thank you staff and the Enbridge staff for their candor and honesty during that first public meeting and we

will be continuing to work with your companies to provide solutions that best fit the entirety of the project.

That being said, we were asked for our options regarding the pipeline route. IF, and only if, are input were seriously being sought on this matter, then the option would be ROUTE 4 (FOUR) – leading along Highway 9. This, of course, will lead to a multitude of issues – not the least of which is the fact that there are a minimum of 17 irrigation pipes that lead into the canal. There are irrigation points on both sides of the roadway, sensitive environmental concerns lining Highway 9, and problematic issues with the roadway and its easement from the province.

There are also fundamental concerns about the piping that would be laid. The reason – most of the irrigation piping needs to be replaced if it is in the ground due to the varying levels of pH degradation and/or metallic concerns. These need to be addressed – as well as the overlap of multiple gas lines that may already exist in the Holland Marsh area but are much smaller and unable to serve the needs of this six-acre industrial complex being constructed in the heart of Ontario’s vegetable production area.

If there is anything further that is required prior to the next public meeting, please don’t hesitate to contact me. Thank you in advance for your consideration on this matter.

Sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jamie Reaume". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large initial "J" and a long, sweeping underline.

Jamie Reaume
Executive Director
Holland Marsh Growers’ Association