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House of Commons  
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*Submitted Electronically*

Dear Honourable Minister Dabrusin,

On behalf of the Association Major Power Consumers in Ontario (AMPCO), the Canadian Manufacturers & Exporters (CME) and the Industrial Gas Users Association (IGUA), I would like to congratulate you on your re-election as Member of Parliament for Toronto-Danforth and appointment to Cabinet as Minister of Environment and Climate Change.

The undersigned industry and business associations are writing to you collectively as organizations with members who are facing significant financial and operational pressure due to the current economic situation caused by the ongoing tariff dispute.

You may have received previous correspondence from several of the associations that have signed on to this letter. There may be nuanced differences in some of the requests that we have made individually. However, we are fully united in stating unequivocally that our industries, our members, are in dire need of your support and action to ensure they emerge from this economic turmoil intact and in a competitive state.

Together, we are asking you to **remove the carbon tax from electricity bills** and to **review the Output-Based Pricing System (OBPS)**. This review should ensure that all necessary measures are taken to support the economic competitiveness of Ontario's industries and to mitigate the risk of carbon leakage. As part of this effort, we urge immediate amendments to the carbon tax payment obligations related to electricity generation (natural gas) under the regulations of the Greenhouse Gas Pollution Pricing Act (federal backstop).



The removal of the industrial carbon tax applied to electricity generation from natural gas **would save Ontario Class A consumers \$1.67B over the next 5 years** as well as fully removing the consumer carbon tax for residential electricity consumers. It would provide significant savings to industries across Canada located in provinces and territories that currently have no viable alternative to the utilization of natural gas to power their electricity systems.

Here are the facts:

- Consumer facing carbon tax was removed, but it has not been removed yet from electricity bills in Ontario.
- Carbon Tax is embedded in energy bills for all energy consumers (Even Ontario residential ratepayers are still paying a consumer carbon tax).
- This extra cost to the industrial sector **does nothing to incent the reduction of emissions.**
- Carbon Tax in energy bills is a perverse **disincentive for industry** to invest in moving from fossil fuels to electrification of their assets.
- Ontario industries are already at a competitive disadvantage due to industrial carbon tax on emissions, this charge on electricity makes it worse.

Ontario's independent Financial Accountability Office predicted that U.S. tariffs and Canada's retaliation could result in possibly 119,000 fewer jobs in Ontario by next year, pushing unemployment upward.

Steel, auto, mining, forestry, manufacturing, and petrochemical sectors are all reeling under the weight of these tariffs and many have announced or provided notice of layoffs. Canada's industrial sector is fighting for our survival. We are fighting to compete with the burden of the tariffs in the US or finding new markets globally.

This is not the time to be increasing costs to this sector.

Minister, we would be pleased to brief you and your policy staff further on this important matter. Please advise when it would be convenient to coordinate a meeting with you and your team in the coming weeks to discuss how we can work together with you in the interest of Canada, our economy, and our workers.

We look forward to your response.

Sincerely,



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