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Minister of Energy,  
Province of Ontario,  
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Dear Minister Duguid,

I am writing to ask you to stand up for the clean energy future of our province and our country. at the upcoming Energy and Mines Ministers' Conference in Kananaskis.

The board of Canadian Unitarians for Social Justice has been in deep reflection on the direction of Canada's energy policy for some time. Canada is at a crossroads and must make some important decisions. Will we rely on nuclear energy and fossil fuels or will we build an energy system that is more suitable for the environment and more sustainable for our children's future. Canada's energy ministers need to take us down the road that leads to clean, renewable energy and not a radical expansion of the fossil fuel industry or a Canada dependent on expensive, and dangerous nuclear power.

I hope the sponsorship of this conference by fossil fuel industry groups does not indicate you are already committed to the status quo. Fossil fuels and nuclear energy harm our health, our climate, and our environment. Global investment in new renewable energy projects continues to outpace new investments in the fossil fuel sector, indicating that a shift to cleaner, safer energy sources is already underway. If we put our money there we will create good jobs, benefit from research and development, give our economy a solid foundation for the future, and build a cleaner more sustainable Canada for our grandchildren unto the seventh generation.

I am urging you, as the elected official in charge of my province's energy future, and your fellow ministers to pursue a cleaner energy system that can meet our energy needs, reduce pollution that is damaging our health and environment, and turn Canada into a leader in the new energy economy.

In faith,

Rev. Frances Deverell  
President,  
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