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Premier Dalton McGuinty  
Room 281, Main Legislative Building  
Queen's Park, Toronto, Ontario M7A 1A1

Dear Premier McGuinty,

I am writing to you in response to a request received on short notice last month to participate in a multi-stakeholder consultation by the Ontario Ministry of the Environment on "Ontario's Climate Change and Clean Air Plan".

This letter follows on our recent letter of November 14<sup>th</sup> (jointly with other environmental organizations), which called on your government to:

- Make the purpose of the consultations to establish a plan to meet Ontario's portion of Canada's Kyoto commitment and achieve further deeper reductions post-2012;
- commit all Ontario government agencies to achieving these targets; and
- adopt substantial measures in the 2007 provincial budget increasing conservation and renewable energy.

We have had no substantive response to our letter, and the consultation meetings are already finished. The Ministry of Environment consultation meetings lacked adequate notice and preparation time; and provided no draft proposal or background material. For these reasons, Greenpeace did not attend any of the meetings. However, we would like to take this opportunity to make a number of specific suggestions. This attached document, *Ontario's Climate Crisis: The Time to Act is Now*, is not meant to be a climate plan for the province. Rather, it identifies a number of policies and programs that should be addressed in order to devise a meaningful plan.

We encourage the government to take these issues seriously and to conduct a meaningful public consultation process once a draft climate change plan has been formulated.

Sincerely,



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