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Council Members
City of Toronto

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RE: May 10, 2023, Council meeting, Item # 2023.MM6.13 - A Clean Energy Future for Toronto

To the Members of Council:

I am writing on behalf of the **Pocket Change Project**, a committee of the Pocket Community Association in East Toronto/Danforth (Ward 14). Our neighbourhood, The Pocket, comprises about 3500 residents. We are a neighbourhood environmental group working to reduce our community's carbon footprint, with a goal to become a net-zero community as soon as possible.

We are writing to strongly support Councillor Paula Fletcher's above-named motion in favour of stopping any new fossil gas-fired power generation proposals in the City of Toronto.

In a climate emergency, it is abundantly clear we need to reduce our societal greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions as quickly as possible, and a key part of the transition involves electrification for homes, buildings, vehicles etc. Right now Ontario enjoys a relatively clean (free of GHG emissions) supply of electricity. Opening new fossil gas-fired plants to feed into our electrical grid is unnecessary and completely counterproductive in terms of the City of Toronto's TransformTO Net Zero goals. Such plants would hasten climate impacts and extreme weather events, and have a detrimental effect on Torontonians' future – particularly those who are already especially vulnerable to the devastating effects of climate change.

Thank you for the opportunity to contribute our thoughts. We urge all members of Council to support this critical motion.

Sincerely,
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