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Toronto City Council
City of Toronto
100 Queen St W
Toronto, ON

RE: IE26.3 – TransformTO Net Zero Strategy: Action Plan (2026–2030)

To Mayor Chow and Members of Council,

We have read the recommendations to Council put forward by the Energy and Environment committee. While we can see that much good work had been done, there does not seem to be an urgency or focus that is required to meet the challenge at hand.

In order to meet the City's target of net zero by 2040 (which is aligned with stabilizing the warming at 1.5 deg C above preindustrial levels, Toronto needs to cut emissions in half by 3035 and go to zero by 2040.

The proposal before you would address some building emissions, starting in about 2 years, if the proposals brought forward by staff are approved. Other building emissions would presumably be addressed sometime in the future. This is clearly insufficient.

Further, the least expensive way to cut building emissions in half is through replacing gas equipment with electric equipment at end of life. Given the life expectancy of gas equipment, it will take 10 years to reduce emissions by half. That window is closing, and the opportunity will be lost with this proposal.

We recommend the following changes:

- All buildings must be included.
- Electrification of buildings must be prioritized as the most economical way for building owners to decarbonize.
- Do not try to solve any other problem than electrifying buildings. Equity issues such as affordability should be funded in a separate program.
- Building owners must be engaged in as much as they are committed to achieving the targets.
- Do not consider the emissions of the grid, only onsite emissions: the province is responsible for decarbonizing the grid.

The time for piloting and testing is over. The insights we have gained must now be scaled up to the whole city if we are to succeed in providing a reasonable future for the next generation.

We understand that the political winds in Ontario and Canada are against climate action. Being mindful of this, consider developing a solid proposal that meets the moment, and put it to a referendum in the 2026 municipal election.

Yours truly,



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