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Infrastructure and Environment Committee
City of Toronto
100 Queen St W
Toronto, ON

To Mayor Chow and Members of the Infrastructure and Environment Committee,

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

Now more than ever, I am motivated by the desire to leave a world to the next generations where the temperature stabilizes where is it now.

The science tells us that to do this Canada needs to cut our emissions in half in the next 10 years. We can't compromise on this; doing so merely condemns future generations to a life of extreme drought flooding, violent storms and food scarcity. We can only compromise with each other as we figure out how to do what must be done.

Half of the City's direct emissions are from burning gas in buildings. The growing consensus is that the most practical way to reduce emissions in buildings is to electrify. Individual action by the small number of early adopters is not working. We need regulation. The fossil fuel industry knows this, so they sow disinformation that makes consensus, and thus regulation, difficult. Do not be discouraged.

We need a BEPS. Not the one currently designed but a better version, and we need it in 6 months or less. May I suggest that a successful BEPS should do the following:

- Be designed for fuel switching as the main path to zero emissions. This envisions swapping out all gas equipment at end of life.
- Have a mechanism to equalize costs for all building owners who will be required to fuel switch in the next few years, in an immature market.
- Consider using tax add-ons as a way of reducing funding roadblocks.
- Be designed to expand province wide, in consultation with the provincial government.

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I understand that Premier Ford is unlikely to agree to any effective emissions reduction measure because his government has been swayed by fossil fuel disinformation. We need to be mindful not to limit our ambition to what is politically possible but to continue to insist on the most reasonable action that provides a good future for our children.

Yours truly,



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