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Ms Sherri Lange, CEO
North American Platform Against Wind Power
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Dear Ms Lange:

Thank you for your message of June 5, 2020, regarding offshore wind energy. I am pleased to respond.

To clarify Ontario's position, on February 11, 2011, a decision notice was posted to the Environmental Registry with respect to policy direction for offshore wind facilities. In light of the comments received through public consultation and in particular the identified need for further study, Ontario has decided not to proceed with proposed offshore wind projects.

I appreciate your comments about our government's approach to energy policy. We have generated hundreds of millions of dollars in savings in the electricity sector through actions including winding down more than 750 renewable energy contracts and centralizing conservation programs. In addition, by introducing the *Green Energy Repeal Act*, we have restored municipal authority over the siting of new renewable energy projects.

In addition, the *Environmental Protection Act* has been amended to give the Lieutenant Governor in Council the authority to make regulations to prohibit the issuance or renewal of Renewable Energy Approvals.

Under the leadership of the Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks, Ontario works with the federal government and other partners to safeguard the Great Lakes. For more information about Ontario's actions to protect the Great Lakes you can contact that ministry's Great Lakes and Inland Waters Branch at 416-314-0617.

Thank you again for writing and please accept my best wishes.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Greg Rickford".

The Honourable Greg Rickford
Minister of Energy, Northern Development and Mines

c: Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario
The Honourable Jeff Yurek, Minister of the Environment, Conservation and Parks