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Minister Freeland:

Congratulations on your recent appointment as Canadian Minister of Foreign Affairs. We look forward to working with you and Prime Minister Trudeau on a multitude of issues of mutual interest to our countries.

For some time, Members of Congress from both parties have expressed concerned about a proposed deep geologic repository for nuclear waste (DGR) that Ontario Power Generation (OPG) is planning to build in Kincardine, Ontario less than one mile from the Great Lakes.

We would like to emphasize our opposition to permanently burying nuclear waste within the Great Lakes basin.

Recently, OPG released a study on potential alternate locations for the DGR. In that report, OPG recognized that there are other viable locations to store nuclear waste in Ontario that would be technically feasible. And we ask that you require OPG to select a site that is outside the Great Lakes basin. Again, permanently burying nuclear waste so close to the drinking water of nearly 40 million people is just too risky.

Further, a portion of the report, under the section 'Social Licence', reads in part, "Research shows that there is little interest among the general public regarding the DGR Project at the Bruce Nuclear site." We vehemently disagree with this conclusion.

First, one cannot depend on social media or internet traffic activity to determine the public's feelings about burying toxic waste next to the Great Lakes. This data is neither scientific nor representative of the entire population.

Attached you will find a list of 186 local, county and state governments representing nearly 23 million people in the U.S. and Canada that have passed resolutions opposing the proposed nuclear waste repository. In addition, we have heard from our constituents that they are overwhelmingly opposed to OPG's proposal.

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As you can see, contradictory to OPG's report, there is in fact broad opposition from citizens in both Canada and the United States to burying nuclear waste near the Great Lakes.

Our countries have long partnered to protect the Great Lakes. And we ask that the Canadian government continue to enhance our strong relationship by exploring other options outside of the Great Lakes basin to store nuclear waste.

Thank you for your attention to this important matter and congratulations again on your appointment.

Sincerely,

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RESOLUTIONS - AS OF MARCH 15, 2016	DATE PASSED
FIRST NATIONS/TRIBES	
United Tribes of Michigan	February 26, 2014
UNITED STATES - Washington, D.C.	
National Association of Counties	July 13, 2015
UNITED STATES - Michigan	
City of St. Clair	December 21, 2015
Macomb County	August 6, 2015
Oakland County	July 16, 2015
City of Marysville	July 13, 2015
City of Detroit	May 19, 2015
Traverse City	May 4, 2015
Genesee County	May 4, 2015
City of Sandusky	October 6, 2014
Kingston Township	September 14, 2014
Casco Township	September 9, 2014
Wales Township	September 2, 2014
Arenac County	September 2, 2014
Burnside Township	August 25, 2014
Denmark Township	August 25, 2014
City of New Baltimore	August 25, 2014
Marine City	August 21, 2014
Rogers City	August 19, 2014
City of Essexville	August 19, 2014
Clyde Township	August 19, 2014
City of Algonac	August 19, 2014
Village of Unionville	August 18, 2014
Burtchville Township	August 18, 2014
Hume Township	August 18, 2014
Lake Township	August 18, 2014
China Township	August 18, 2014
Township of Wells	August 14, 2014
Fremont Township	August 14, 2014
Village of Forestville	August 13, 2014
Emmett Township	August 13, 2014

Cottrellville Township	August 13, 2014
Vassar Township	August 12,2014
Riley Township	August 12, 2014
Sherman Township	August 12, 2014
Port Sanilac Village	August 12, 2014
Township of Hadley	August 12, 2014
Marathon Township	August 12, 2014
Bay County	August 12, 2014
Colfax Township	August 12, 2014
Merritt Township	August 12, 2014
Williams Charter Township	August 12, 2014
Cheboygan County	August 12, 2014
Village of Elkton	August 12, 2014
Frankenlust Township	August 12, 2014
Greenwood Township	August 12, 2014
Village of Millington	August 11, 2014
Fraser Township	August 11, 2014
Almont Township	August 11, 2014
Grant Township	August 11, 2014
Berlin Township	August 10, 2014
Lapeer County	August 7, 2014
Village of North Branch	August 7, 2014
St. Clair County	August 7, 2014
Village of Almont	August 6, 2014
Village of Port Sanilac	August 5, 2014
City of Memphis	August 5, 2014
Sebewaing Township	August 5, 2014
Hampton Charter Township	August 4, 2014
City of Caro	August 4, 2014
Village of Capac	August 4, 2014
City of Bad Axe	August 4, 2014
Ira Township	August 4, 2014
Caseville Township	August 4, 2014
Columbus Township	August 2, 2014
Alpena County	July 29, 2014
City of Flint	July 28, 2014
Kawkawlin Township	July 28, 2014
Millington Township	July 28, 2014

Monitor Township	July 28, 2014
Brown City	July 28, 2014
Elba Township	July 28, 2014
Village of Peck	July 28, 2014
Village of Lexington	July 28, 2014
Paris Township	July 28, 2014
Village of Carsonville	July 23, 2014
Village of Akron	July 22, 2014
City of Croswell	July 22, 2014
Village of Pigeon	July 21, 2014
Clay Township	July 21, 2014
City of Lapeer	July 21, 2014
Eaton County	July 16, 2014
Marquette County	July 15, 2014
City of Port Huron	July 14, 2014
Tuscola County	June 26, 2014
Lake County	June 25, 2014
Michigan Senate Resolution No. 150	June 11, 2014
Michigan Senate Resolution No. 151	June 11, 2014
Michigan Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 16	June 11, 2014
Michigan Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 17	June 11, 2014
Sanilac County Board of Commissioners	June 3, 2014
Alger County	May 19, 2014
Fort Gratiot Township, St. Clair County	May 7, 2014
Huron County	April 22, 2014
City of Milan	February 10, 2014
City of Eastpointe, Macomb County	January 7, 2014
Charter Township of Clinton, Macomb County	December 3, 2013
City of Wayne	November 19, 2013
City of Gross Pointe Woods	November 18, 2013
Conference of Western Wayne	November 15, 2013
City of Wyandotte, Wayne County	September 23, 2013
Greenwood Township, St. Clair County	September 10, 2013
Wayne County	August 22, 2013
St. Clair County	August 15, 2013
Village of Lexington	July 22, 2013
Lynn Township	July 13, 2013
Macomb County	June 20, 2013

Michigan State Senate	May 22, 2013
City of St. Clair Shores, Macomb County	July 7, 2008
St. Clair County Water Quality Board	June 12, 2008
Marine City,St. Clair County	June 5, 2008
Macomb County	May 15, 2008
Macomb County Water Quality Board	May 13, 2008
UNITED STATES - Ohio	
Port Clinton	December 10, 2013
City of Toledo	October 1, 2013
City of Oregon	August 12, 2013
UNITED STATES - Illinois	
Village of Burr Ridge	November 23, 2015
Will County	April 16, 2015
City of Highland Park	March 9, 2015
City of Evanston	March 9, 2015
Lake County	February 10, 2015
DuPage County	February 10, 2015
City of Chicago	January 21, 2015
Cook County	October 8, 2014
City of Waukegan	February 3, 2014
UNITED STATES - New York	
Monroe County	September 12, 2016
Erie County	March 12, 2015
City of Rochester	November 19, 2013
City of Niagara Falls	May 12, 2014
UNITED STATES - Pennsylvania	
City of Erie	April 2, 2014
UNITED STATES - Wisconsin	
City of Milwaukee	March 31, 2015
City of Sheboygan	April 2, 2014
UNITED STATES - Indiana	
Lake County Board of Commissioners	April 15, 2015
Lake County Council	April 9, 2015
Gary	June 3, 2014
Michigan City	April 15, 2014
UNITED STATES - Minnesota	
City of Duluth	May 12, 2014

CANADA - Ontario

City of Cambridge	March 15, 2016
Town of New Tecumseth	January 18, 2016
Town of Niagara-on-the-Lake	November 23, 2015
Lennox & Addington County	October 28, 2015
Town of Wasaga Beach	October 27, 2015
Town of Midland	October 26, 2015
City of Cornwall	October 13, 2015
Town of Greater Napanee	September 22, 2015
City of St. Thomas	September 14, 2015
Town of Cobourg	September 14, 2015
Township of Stone Mills	September 8, 2015
Northumberland County	August 26, 2015
Municipality of Bluewater	August 10, 2015
Loyalist Township	August 10, 2015
Municipality of South Huron	July 20, 2015
County of Frontenac	July 15, 2015
Township of Frontenac Islands	July 13, 2015
City of Oshawa	June 29, 2015
Norfolk County	June 23, 2015
Elgin County	June 9, 2015
Town of Northeastern Manitoulin and the Islands	June 2, 2015
City of Thorold	April 7, 2015
City of Burlington	September 29, 2014
City of Owen Sound	September 22, 2014
Municipality of West Grey	August 21, 2014
City of Meaford	July 28, 2014
City of Welland	May 6, 2014
City of Brampton	April 9, 2014
Municipality of McDougall	April 2, 2014
City of Thorold	April 1, 2014
Town of Fort Erie	March 31, 2014
City of Port Colborne	March 10, 2014
City of Niagara Falls, ON	March 3, 2014
McKellar Township	March 3, 2014
Municipality of Whitestone	February 27, 2014

Town of Parry Sound	February 18, 2014
Town of Grimsby	February 3, 2014
City of Thunder Bay	January 27, 2014
City of Sault Ste. Marie	January 20, 2014
City of St. Catharines	January 13, 2014
Municipality of Chatham Kent	January 13, 2014
Town of Ajax	November 25, 2013
City of Kingston	November 19, 2013
City of Windsor	November 18, 2013
City of Toronto	November 14, 2013
Town of Oakville	October 28, 2013
City of Mississauga	October 9, 2013
City of London	October 2, 2013
Town of Blue Mountains	September 16, 2013
City of Hamilton	September 11, 2013
City of Sarnia	September 9, 2013
Lambton County	September 4, 2013
Town of Kingsville	July 22, 2013
Essex County	July 17, 2013