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Dear Mayor/Reeve/Warden,

At this time of uncertainty, I want to thank you, on behalf of Union Gas and our customers, to those of you who have sent letters to the Premier, made phone calls to your local MPP's or have otherwise helped support our efforts to ensure Ontarians are allowed to choose their energy options. I am writing today to keep you informed of our ongoing efforts to ensure natural gas continues to play a key role in your communities to meet your economic and environmental goals.

There is no doubt that the leaked Climate Change Action Plan (CCAP) document has resulted in considerable consumer and business uncertainty. We continue to hear about local examples of development investment being put on hold or re-evaluated as a result of this uncertainty.

For several years we have been supporting and leading the government's initiative to expand rural access to natural gas, while also planning investments to bolster our infrastructure to meet the growing demand for affordable natural gas. As a matter of fact, we are in the midst of the largest investment in Ontario in our 100 year history: we have plans to invest over \$1.5 billion in new infrastructure. Given the leaked CCAP and related uncertainty this has caused, we are re-evaluating our investments in several of those important projects. At a minimum, the timeframe for recovering the costs of asset investments will need to be much shorter than is used currently, which will significantly increase costs for Ontario homes and businesses.

Although Premier Wynne has stated the government will not "ban" natural gas, she has not addressed the reported proposal to change building codes to eliminate natural gas for new homes and buildings in 2030, and all homes and buildings by 2050. For these reasons, we ask you to continue to push the government for further clarity. We will be doing the same.

Again, thank you for your support and we will continue to keep you updated as more

information becomes available.

Sincerely,

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