



Honourable Jeff Yurek
Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks
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Dear Minister Yurek,

The Ontario Society of Professional Engineers (OSPE) is the advocacy body to over 87,000 Professional Engineers and 250,000 engineering graduates. That's one of the largest concentrations of engineering expertise in the world, and the largest concentration of engineering expertise in Canada. We are proud to be the voice to this robust community of thought leaders, employers, and students.

While OSPE is glad the government has moved forward with the appointment of an Advisory Panel on Climate Change, OSPE is concerned, disappointed and troubled that the panel tasked with advising the minister does not consist of a single engineer.

Ontario's professional engineers are world-class optimizers and problem solvers who understand how to develop efficient systems that combat climate change while respecting tax dollars, protecting jobs, and growing the economy.

The technical expertise engineers possess could play a critical role in alleviating the negative effects of climate change. By not utilizing the knowledge based and subject matter experts that already exist in our province, the government risks creating policies that do not fully minimize environmental harm while maximizing economic growth.

OSPE believes it is important that the government gather engineering expertise to assist in developing concrete steps that identify opportunities for growth, competitiveness, and prosperity in the rapidly changing environmental sector.

OSPE is calling on the Ontario Government to appoint an engineer to the Advisory Panel on Climate Change.

We await a response to this omission and will continue to work with this government to promote the voice of engineers when it comes to climate change. We will continue to advocate for engineer representation on future advisory panels on climate change.

Sincerely,



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