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In the Matter of

À l'égard de

**Ontario Power Generation Inc.,
Pickering Nuclear Generating Station**

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centrale nucléaire de Pickering**

Request for a ten-year renewal of its Nuclear
Power Reactor Operating Licence for the
Pickering Nuclear Generating Station

Demande de renouvellement, pour une période
de dix ans, de son permis d'exploitation d'un
réacteur nucléaire de puissance à la centrale
nucléaire de Pickering

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To The Canadian Nuclear Safety Commission,

I am writing to you as a citizen of Canada, and someone who lives within thirty kilometers of Pickering Nuclear Facility. I am also a parent, and very active in my community; with many friends who have children of their own, including many who have ones on the way. We share many things in common, but one thing that stands out is that our families and our stories are from here and this is the place where we have chosen to continue growing. My family has been in this part of Canada since the seventeen hundreds, long before Canada even had unity and it continues to be a place in which I hope my family, along with many others will be free to grow and prosper in for many centuries to come. This is what my ancestors hoped for when building their homes from the rocks along the waterfront and this is what we continue to hope for and strive for. This is why I am writing to you today, on behalf of myself and the many other families who have made and wish to continue calling this place their home.

Pickering Nuclear Facility is located on Lake Ontario, a wonderful and rich water resource, whose waters are vital to those both north and south of the border. The maintenance of this precious source and waterway was so important that over a century ago, it was discussed with great seriousness, by both the United States and Canada. A legal document was drafted, the Boundary Waters Treaty of 1909, with promises which were made, by all parties, to abide in protecting the shared waters that include Lake Ontario for that generation and the many to come.

I hold the Boundary Waters Treaty to be an incredibly important living token and reproof from previous generations testifying to our consciousness about the vitalness of water and the respect that we must have for it and our neighbors who share the same. We must not lose sight of this, and also, we must never allow ourselves to be negligent in holding these promises with the highest regard, irrespective of the changing times, pressure from industry; neither be tempted by the weak excuses made by those who desperately try to profit off of a dying, a debt-producing industry, at the cost of our national treasure, at a cost to the environment and us all.

The tritium, regardless of levels, being released from the Pickering plant is going straight into Lake Ontario, having inter-generational and bio-accumulative impacts on the wildlife and lake. The animals and fish, who are already struggling because of loss of habitat and pollution of groundwaters feeding the lake.

I hope you would also take this most gravely, that by granting Ontario Power Generation another license extension so that in effect OPG can for a time put off decommissioning it is putting us all at threat. The effects on pregnant women and young children should never be underestimated or mitigated to serve industry tyrants. This is behaviour is like driving down the wrong side of the highway, and we are just speeding towards an inevitable crash. Placing the venomous legacy

onto future generations is not the Canada my ancestors fought for, nor the vision that those who signed the Boundary Waters Treaty had anticipated for when setting out to create and *protect their investment, in this healthy and strong nation; that so many call home. There are clean renewable alternatives that are readily available and make the generation of nuclear power completely unnecessary, so it begs the question to those who now hold the keys, why are we allowing for our legacy to be potentially and permanently destroyed to satisfy the very few?

On behalf of our children and the many generations to come, please do not grant OPG a license to keep Pickering open, not for another year.

Thank you.