



November 27, 2020

SENT VIA EMAIL

The Honourable Premier Ford
Premier of Ontario
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Dear Premier Ford,

Re: TSSA Path 2

The undersigned are jointly writing this letter in response to Minister Lisa Thompson's decision on October 2, 2020, to sign off on the TSSA's Path 2 and Alternate Rules proposal.

During a conference call on September 30 with the Honourable Minister Thompson, we plainly stated that we do not consent to the Path 2 and Alternate Rules being proposed by the TSSA. We expressed that we are more than willing to assist in developing an alternative plan to modernize Ontario regulations. Furthermore, we asserted that the Ministry of Government and Consumer Services and TSSA are not acting in good faith in accordance with the TSSA Act by proceeding with this action. The major unions in the province (who represent almost all of the engineers in Ontario), the TSSA's own advisory board, the stakeholders through their survey results, the Institute of Power Engineers, and representatives from the colleges, all oppose this proposal. Nonetheless, it has been moved forward.

During conference calls held on September 11 and September 30, 2020, all participants voiced their opposition to the proposals made by the TSSA. Ministry representatives repeatedly stated that they had addressed all issues despite not having done so.

It appears that these calls were arranged for the sole purpose of telling the public that a meeting was held with concerned parties in order to address their concerns, which was not the case. The concerns raised by experts in the field were not addressed, nor were the presented outcomes changed. Moreover, this plan has been enacted during a global pandemic, with meetings set up on short notice, without an agenda, and with little time to prepare - these are not the actions of a party acting in good faith.

The representatives of UNIFOR, IUOE and IPE believe in the safety of our members and our communities. The consequences of these actions will be felt by the citizens of Ontario for generations to come, not only in terms of safety, but also by means of the reduction of highly trained and skilled Operating Engineers who operate and maintain the registered plants in Ontario. For the sake of the public's safety, we are urging you to reconsider your decision on the TSSA's Path 2 and Alternative rules proposal.

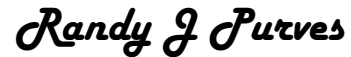
Sincerely,



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cc: The Honourable Minister McNaughton, The Honourable Minister Thompson, Auditor General Lysyk