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Hon James J. Bradley
Ministry of the Environment
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Dear Minister Bradley,

Re: Bill 138, Ending Coal for Cleaner Air Act, 2013

On behalf of member Medical Officers of Health, Boards of Health and Affiliate organizations of the Association of Local Public Health Agencies (alPHA), I am writing today in support of the elimination of coal-fired power generation in Ontario.

The significant health impacts of poor air quality have long been known, and have been the subject of a number reports on the subject. The Canadian Medical Association for example projected in its report, *No Breathing Room - National Illness Costs of Air Pollution* that in 2015, more than 1400 Ontarians will die prematurely and Ontario will incur over \$4 billion in economic damages due to air pollution (2008, pp. 27-28).

We therefore strongly supported the 2007 decision to shut down Ontario's coal-fired electricity plants by the end of 2014, and we strongly support the additional provisions in Bill 138 that will ensure that new coal-fired facilities are not built to replace them. We agree with your observation that coal-fired electricity is a practice of the past and should remain so.

We congratulate the Government for the actions it has taken to address the health, environmental and economic impacts of coal-fired electricity and we urge all Ontario MPPs to support Bill 138.

Yours truly,



Mary Johnson,
President

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