

Ontario Clean Air Alliance Questionnaire

To the Clean Air Alliance,

Thank you for providing me the opportunity to talk about an issue I find very important; air quality.

Poor air quality is a cause of many health related problems, especially among our children and our seniors.

I am not in favor of coal-fired power plants or the construction of new coal-fired plants. I support the phase out of our reliance on this type of power and the commitment to building new, clean, renewable energy projects that will ensure system reliability and enable the people of Ontario to have cleaner air.

It is important to ensure adequate alternative resources are in place to provide a continuous, uninterrupted supply of power for our homes, businesses, hospitals and schools.

I am proud to be running on a platform of improving our environment and air quality. During my terms in municipal government, I participated in the annual Smog Summit, joined the Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM) Partners for Climate Protection, and successfully passed a staff direction to establish a policy that all new buildings would meet a LEEDS (Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design) standard. I have worked on a number of environmental initiatives with the Sustainable Development Committee, including an assessment of Burlington's "State of the Environment". Most recently, I was invited to attend the FCM Energy Mission to Sweden. This was an opportunity to learn about innovative and effective energy alternatives. These learning experiences continue to strengthen my focus on green energy alternatives.

Thank you again for the opportunity to speak to this important issue.

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