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Dear Clean Air Alliance,

I wanted to respond to your survey in regards to the shutting down of the Nanticoke coal fired generating station by 2009. Although I can't speak to this specific detailed issue of Nanticoke, I wanted to comment on the commitment to eliminate all coal fired generation throughout the province, including Nanticoke.

Ontario is the only jurisdiction in the world not building more coal fired generation, but in fact phasing it out. That in itself is an impressive statistic. Ontario is committed to not only ending its reliance on coal, but moving forward, building new, clean, renewable energy projects that will ensure system reliability and provide the people of Ontario with cleaner air.

I agree that Ontario needs to move away from a reliance on using coal fired generation. But I also agree that it is very important to be able to provide a reliable and efficient energy source to ensure that the people of Markham are able to keep their lights on.

One of the reasons why I wanted to run for the McGuinty government was their commitment to being both environmentally progressive, yet also responsible to the people. The decision to make system reliability a top priority but at the same time invest in clean, safe, renewable forms of energy is a testament to those commitments.

Thank you for your questions.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Michael Chan". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Michael" being more prominent than the last name "Chan".

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